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An AFFIDAVIT

Made by His Reverence JAMES BLAIR, Clerk, pretended Preſident of *William* and *Mary* College, and ſuppoſed Commiſſary to the Biſhop of *London* in *Virginia*,

AGAINST

Francis Nicholſon, Eſq;

GOVERNOUR of the ſaid Province.

Wherein His Reverence's great Reſpect to Government, and Obedience to the Ninth Commandment, *Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs*, &c. will plainly appear; as will alſo his Gratitude to the ſaid Governour, from whom he had received ſo many Favours, and to whom he ~~was~~ himſelf ſo highly obliged, in ſeveral original Letters under his own Hand, ſome whereof are here publiſhed, and more (God willing) ſhall hereafter. owns

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GOVERNOUR of the said Province.

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I WILL not ſay he has had any Deſign upon my Life, tho' I will give your Lordſhips an Account of two ſtrange Paſſages that have an ill Aſpect that way. One was this. About a Fortnight before Chriſtmas, 1702, *whilſt I lodged in the College, I heard the School Boys, about Twelve of the Clock at Night, a driving of Nails, to faſten and barricade the Doors of the Grammar-School. I was mightily ſurprized at it, for we had baniſhed that Cuſtom, and it was quite left off for ſome Years. I made haſte to get up, and with the Aſſiſtance of two Servant-Men I had in the College, had almoſt forced open one of the Doors before they had ſufficiently ſecured it. But while I was breaking in, they preſently fired off three or four Piſtols, and hurt one of my Servants in the Eye with the*

Wadde, as I suppose, of one of the Pistols. While I pressed forward, some of the Boys having a great Kindness for me, called out, For God's sake, Sir, don't offer to come in, for we have Shot, and shall certainly fire at any one that first enters. *Upon the hearing of this, I began to think there was something more than ordinary in the Matter, and desired a Parley with them, thinking to find out upon what Account it was that they had provided Fire-Arms, Powder and Shot, which they had never used to do formerly. But that Night they would not discover it, tho' I confess I had some Suspicion of the Designs of my* Malicious Neighbour, *and resolved to let them alone till Morning; and then getting all the other Masters together, and calling for Workmen to break open the Doors before we began, we offered them a Pardon, if they would open of their own Accord, and tell us the Truth, who it was that set them on; tho', by that Time, we had more than a Suspicion of it, for I had seen one of his Excellency's Servants that Morning a handing of them in some Powder. Upon this the Boys sent out at the Window, by a Ladder, one of their chief Confederates, that knew the whole Plot, with Orders to discover it. The Short of the Story was, to the best of my Remembrance, that while they had no Thoughts of any such Thing, the Governor sent for him, and put him upon it, gave them Money to buy Victuals and Drink, and Candles and Powder and Shot, and lent them Six of his own Pistols. Upon hearing that the Governour was the Author and Contriver of this Business, we sent the Boys to him, leaving it to his Excellency to determine the Time when he wou'd have them dismissed, for it was then about a Week before the usual time. His Excellency being out of Humour, to the great*

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Disappointment of the Boys, ordered that they should continue at their Books till the usual Time, and then be dismissed. This Decision made them very angry, and they said they wondered what he had made all that to do for, when they were not to be dismissed one Day sooner than ordinary for their Pains. When we entered the School, we found the Governor's three Pair of Pistols, with some Swords and other Weapons they had provided. It was God's great Mercy to Me, *that the Boys gave me Warning of the Shot, and so saved* Me from the Danger *which I have* too much *Reason to suspect* was contrived *on purpose*, upon my Account, *his Excellency being then in too bad an Humour to do such a thing out of a* Frolick: *Besides, that the Fire-Arms, Powder and Shot, by lying in the College, and the Differences between Him and me, which at that time were come to some Height, made the Badness of the Design* too too probable.

The other Passage was about Six Weeks afterwards, as I was asleep in Bed with my Wife, *in my Chamber, in the College, between One and Two in the Morning, a* Maid, *who lay in a Closet just by, heard somebody a opening the Door of the outer Room, and after* He *had turned the Lock of it, come quite thro' to our Chamber-Door, after* He *had endeavoured to turn that Lock likewise, but could not* [*for it was double-lock'd, and the Key within*] *then with all the Force* He *had*, He *shook that Door so violently, as if* He *had designed to break it open; and this making a very great Noise,* [*for it was a thin Pair of folding Doors*] *awaked* my Wife *and* Me, *and* We Both *called out who is there? and* I called *to the* Maid *to light a Candle, for it was in Winter, towards the End of* January. *At last, when* He *observed the Door*

gave no way, and that We *were all* awake, [without ſpeaking a Word] *we heard* Him *march off, thro' the outward Room again. Upon Enquiry, I found that the* Governor *that Night had appeared to be in* ſo bad a Humour, *that every body was afraid to ſpeak to him, and a Perſon of* good Credit told Me, *he was ſeen between one and two of the Clock in the Morning to go directly from his* own Houſe *towards the College* without a Light; *with ſome other more particular Circumſtances, which I am* afraid as yet, *to give an Account of, leſt innocent Perſons,* as yet in his Power, *ſhou'd come to be ſuſpected of this Intelligence. But I do ſolemnly* take my Oath *of it,* I believe *he himſelf was the Perſon that attempted to break into my Chamber, for what Reaſon, at ſuch an unſeaſonable Hour, near Two a Clock in the Morning, in a dark Winter's Night, when he could not be a walking for Pleaſure, and when* he *went away without ſpeaking a Word,* God and his own Conſcience *only know. Nor can I imagine what good* Conſtruction *he could have put upon it, if* either *the* Lock *or the* Door *had given Way, ſo that he had* actually *broken in upon us.*

Signed

Jurat' 10. Maii 1704. JAMES BLAIR.

JO. EDISBURY.

The Opinion of the three ſubſcribing Lawyers in relation to this Affidavit.

" WHAT Mr. *Blair* has ſworn, is ſo impoſſible to be in his Knowledge true, " as here ſworn, that we conceive it doth " not require any other Anſwer, than that

" *almoſt*

" *almoſt every Line here makes appear that the*
" *whole is falſe.*

S. Thomſon, *A. G.*
Rich. Wharton.
John Holloway.

Virginia, July 25. 1705.

S. Thomſon, Attorney General, was the elder Brother of Sir *William Thomſon*; Meſſrs. *Wharton* and *Holloway* two Lawyers in *Virginia*, who had the Examination of all the Affidavits againſt General *Nicholſon*, and who made their Report concerning them; and this is the Report concerning the Scholars, and concerning the Deſign that *Blair* ſwears the Governour had to murder him, firſt by the Boys, and then to aſſaſſinate him himſelf, when in Bed and aſleep with his precious Wife.

Memorandum, This is the laſt Part of his Reverence *Blair*'s Further Affidavit, as he calls it, againſt Governour *Nicholſon*; but by the Anſwer of the Maſter, Uſhers and Scholars, *&c.* it will moſt fully appear how very falſly he has ſworn. When there was a thing done, as this of the Scholars barring out their Maſters, *&c.* then he formed his moſt malicious and lying Scheme thereupon, as he did of all other Affidavits of the like Nature; and if there be ſuch a thing as the Devil, the Father of Liars aſſiſting People in following his Example, then his Reverence *Blair* had it in a very particular manner, and may claim to be one of his principal Sons.

Quære, Whether, by this Part of his Affidavit (moſt of his others being of the ſame Nature) Mr. *Blair* has not literally broke the Ninth Commandment, *viz. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe Witneſs againſt thy Neighbour?* For, in his

Affidavit, he calls the Queen's Chief Governour his *malicious Neighbour*, but ſurely he was the Governour's Diabolical Neighbour.

There can be nothing more juſt than the Opinion of the abovementioned Lawyers, *viz.* That *what Mr.* Blair *has ſworn here is ſo impoſſible to be in his Knowledge true, as here ſworn, that every Reader muſt conceive, it doth not require any other Anſwer, than that almoſt every Line here makes appear, that the Whole is falſe.* It is to be obſerved, that *Blair* could have found none of theſe lying Accuſations againſt the Governour, from the Boys ſhutting out their Maſters, if it had been a conſtant Cuſtom; and therefore he ſwears downright, that the Cuſtom had been left off, contrary to the Knowledge and Affidavits of every one belonging to the College, that the Boys had every Year done ſo, from 1699, to the Year complained of, 1702, except in the Year 1700, having no Occaſion to ſhut their Maſters out for Leave, having obtained it before the uſual Time, by the General Aſſembly's meeting in the College: And then ſeeing that without Shot too, he could not make it be believed, that the Governour had any Deſign upon his Life, he therefore ſwears directly, that there was Shot given by the Governour, whereas the other Maſters, the Scholars and Servants belonging to the College, ſwear there was no Shot at all.

And then, as to the particular Circumſtances of ſome body or other's endeavouring to break into his Chamber, in the dead of the Night, and his calling to the Maid, all which the Maid has denied upon Oath, how could Mr. *Blair* take his ſolemn Oath, that this *ſome-*

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body was the Governour, whom he neither pretends to have ſeen, it being in the Dark, nor to have heard him ſpeak. It may be eaſily obſerved how Mr. *Blair* betrays himſelf in the very wording of this Affidavit; for he ſays, that while he was aſleep in Bed with his Wife, between One and Two a Clock in the Morning, a Maid who lay in a Cloſet juſt by, heard *ſomebody* opening the Door of the outer Room; but then Mr. *Blair*, in the inventing of this Story, having his Eye upon the Governour, turns this ſomebody preſently into He, and does not ſay naturally, or indefinitely, after *ſomebody* (or after they) had turned the Lock of the Door, but ſays peremptorily, after *He* had turned the Lock of it. I happened the other Day to aſk one Dr. *B*— a Countryman of Mr. *Blair*'s, at that time a Phyſician in *Virginia*, what he thought of *Blair*'s Affidavit? He ſaid (tho' *Blair*'s Friend in other reſpects) that he would not have ſuch Affidavits laid to his Charge, not for his Eſtate, if it were the greateſt in *America*.

So that, upon the whole, when ſuch notorious Perjury is found out, and not ſufficiently branded with ſome Mark of Diſpleaſure at leaſt, if not of Infamy, as being committed by a Clergyman of the Church of *England*, againſt a Perſon repreſenting the Crown, it is hard to ſay what Encouragement this may be to ſeditious Practices among others, in time to come, over all the Plantations.

As Governour *Nicholſon*'s Aim has been always known to be for the publick Good, and it being impoſſible for *Blair* and his Relations to carry their private Ends in *Virginia* under ſuch a Governour, they uſed all Endeavours to

ruine his Reputation in *England*. The then Biſhop of *London* was the Man moſt of all practiſed upon by *Blair* to the Governour's Prejudice; but it appears plain, that the Biſhop found out *Blair*'s ill Deſign at laſt, by a Letter of his Lordſhip dated *December* 10. and directed to *Blair*, &c. in theſe Words.

SIR,

FRom the great Aſſurances Mr. Blaithwit *gives me of Coll.* Nicholſon's *Recovery from his Love-Fit, and that ſtill you keep up your Feud againſt him, in Conjunction with Coll.* Bird, *be aſſured there is nothing concealed of that kind, which will not ſoon be laid open: Therefore let me beg of you to lay aſide all Prejudice and Paſſion, and as a Wiſe, as well as a Good Churchman, ſeek all Means of Reconciliation and good Underſtanding. They ſay here, that you concern yourſelf in the politick Affairs at Council: I deſire you to be tender in that Point, and let Meekneſs and Modeſty be your Defence, and believe me, Sir,*

Your Moſt Aſſured Friend and Brother,
H. London.

The Original Letter, writ all with the Biſhop of *London*, Dr. *Compton*'s own Hand, is now in General *Nicholſon*'s Cuſtody.

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One DECLARATION *ſigned by the Maſter, Uſher, and Clerk of the College, the 24th of* February 1724, *and of Mr.* Orlando Jones.

" WE the Subſcribers, Maſters of *William* " and *Mary* College, having ſeen an Af- " fidavit of Mr. Commiſſary *Blair*, ſworn the " Firſt Day of 1704, wherein, among other " things, he taxes his Excellency *Francis Ni-* " *cholſon*, Eſq; her Majeſty's Lieutenant and " Governour General of *Virginia*, with giving " Money to the School-boys of the ſaid Col- " lege, to buy Powder and Shot, *&c.* when " they ſhut out their Maſters at *Chriſtmas* 1702, " and that he had too much Reaſon to fear it " was contrived on Purpoſe for him, inſinuat- " ing thereby, that his Excellency deſigned " the Boys ſhould kill him.

" We do therefore think ourſelves obliged to " declare (as we have done on a former Occaſion " of a Letter from Dr. *Bray* to the ſame pur- " poſe) that we know no Reaſon nor Ground " for ſuch Suggeſtion: We have made ſtrict " Enquiry amongſt the Boys who ſhut up the " School Doors, if any Shot was provided by " them or made uſe of on that Occaſion, and " they unanimouſly deny any ſuch thing; and " two of us being preſent almoſt all the time, " heard not a Word mentioned of Shot or Bul- " lets to the beſt of our Knowledge, and we " are ſure there was none made uſe of. As to " what Mr. *Blair* ſays, that the Cuſtom of " ſhutting out the Maſters was quite left off, " for ſeveral Years, we can affirm the con-

" trary;

" trary; the first Beginning of that Custom was " in the Year 1699, when his Excellency was " pleased to encourage it, by giving the Boys " Money to buy Victuals and Drink, to enable " them to stand out against their Masters, till " they had obtained leave to be dismist some- " what before the usual Time. In the Year " 1700, the General Assembly met in the Col- " lege, the 5th of *December*, and continued " sitting there till the 27th of that Month, and " the School was dismis'd sooner than usual " on this account. In 1701, the Boys shut " out their Master again, and in 1702, they " did the like, which is the Time complained " of in the Affidavit; so that there was no Dis- " continuance of that Custom, except in the " Year 1700, as aforesaid.

" And at all those times, we know of no " other Plot (as Mr. *Blair* is pleased to call it) " than a Design in the Boys to obtain Liberty " to break up before the usual time; which " is a thing practis'd in all, or most Schools " in *England*. And at the first introducing " of that Custom, Mr. *Blair* was so far from " shewing his Dislike, that himself and some " of his Relations countenanced it by their " Presence, and accepting of an Entertain- " ment made by the Boys, of such Victuals " and Drink as they had provided on that " Occasion, and tho' at that time they had " Powder, Fuzees, Pistols and other Arms, " yet we heard no Complaint of it from " Mr. *Blair*, or any other.

M. Ingles, Head Master.
John Allen, Usher.
Will. Robertson, Cl. Coll.

William

William and *Mary* College, *Feb.* 24. 1704.

" AS to what Mr. Commiſſary *Blair* ſays, that " the Scholars of *William* and *Mary* Col- " lege had quite left off the Cuſtom of ſhutting " out the Maſters of the ſaid College, until " the ſame was renewed in the Year 1702: I " do hereby declare, that there never was any " Intermiſſion except in the Year 1700, in " which Year the General Aſſembly met on " the 5th Day of *December*, and ſat till the " 27th of the ſame Month in the ſaid College, " and obtained leave of the Maſters to diſmiſs " them ſooner than the uſual Time.

ORLANDO JONES.

Another ſigned by the Maſter, Uſher, and Clerk of the College, with the Boys Names, &c. the 18th of May 1704.

William and *Mary* College, *May* 18. 1704.

" WE the Subſcribers, Maſters and Scholars " of *William* and *Mary* College, *Virginia*, " having been lately Informed of a Letter writ- " ten by Dr. *Thomas Bray*, directed to the " Honourable Coll. *Robert Quarry*, dated the " 27th of *Auguſt*, 1703, wherein amongſt " other Reflections on the Honour and Reputa- " tion of his Excellency *Francis Nicholſon*, " Eſq; her Majeſty's Lieutenant and Gover- " nour General of this Colony and Dominion, " there is one Paragraph in theſe Words, *viz.*

That he is ſhrewdly ſuſpected to have ſet on the Boys of the College laſt Chriſtmas to Rebel againſt the Preſident, even ſo far as to furniſh them, not only

only with Proviſions, but Piſtols, Powder and Shot, a random Bullet might have killed ſome one, and what then would he have thought?

" We think our ſelves obliged in Duty to " ſo great a Patron as his Excellency hath been " to this College, to declare, That we know " of no other Encouragement given at that " Time to Rebellion (as the Doctor is pleaſed " to term it) than what had been uſual at for- " mer Times of breaking up: To wit, his " Excellency giving ſome Money to the Scho- " lars to buy Victuals and Drink, the better to " enable them to ſhut out their Maſters (a " Cuſtom practis'd every where in *England)* " which Bounty of his Excellency's, we are " well aſſured, was always given with a good " Intent; and the Preſident and his Lady, and " ſome of their Relations, with other Gentle- " men and Ladies of the Neighbourhood, " have, on former Occaſions, been preſent at " the Entertainments made by the Scholars " which they had provided with that Money, " after they had capitulated with their Maſters. " We may likewiſe inſtance many other Times, " as *Shrove-Tueſday* and the Fifth of *Novem- " ber*, on which his Excellency hath very li- " berally beſtowed Money on the Scholars, " without any other Deſign, than for their " Encouragement to mind their Studies: And " as to the Inſinuation, that a Random Bul- " let might have killed ſome one, we have " made ſtrict Enquiry amongſt the Scholars " that were then concerned in ſhutting up the " School Doors, who unanimouſly declare, " That there was no Shot bought, nor, we " are ſure, made uſe of, to the Knowledge of

" any

" any of us who were preſent; nor did we
" ever hear the leaſt Surmiſe of any ſuch thing,
" till we were informed of it from that falſe
" and ſcandalous Letter. We cannot omit
" giving this Teſtimony out of the Reſpect
" we owe to his Excellency, for whoſe Hap-
" pineſs and Proſperity we ſhall ever pray.

Mongo Ingles, Maſter.
John Allen, Uſher.
W. Robertſon, Cl. Coll.

In the Name of the reſt of our Fellow-Scholars.

Tho. Booth.
Fr. Tyler.
James Allen.
Tho. Bray.
Charles Doyly.
Richard Johnſon.
Edmund Duke.
James Roſcow.
Wilſon Roſcow.
Arthur Allen.
Tho. Johnſon.
Joſ. Devenport.

It is ſuppoſed, that the Rev. Dr. *Bray* is, by this time ſatisfied, how falſly he was informed by his Reverence *Blair*; and that he is now of the ſame Opinion, as when he wrote the excellent Dedication of his *Bibliothecæ Americanæ Quadripartitæ*, to King *William*, of Glorious Memory: Printed at *London* in 1699, the latter Part whereof is hereunto annex'd.

The Scholars of William *and* Mary *College their* DECLARATION *concerning Governour* Nicholſon *and Commiſſary* Blair, *&c.*

" WE the Subſcribers having been educated
" at the Grammar School in *William* and
" *Mary* College, do declare, that the Cuſtom
" of ſhutting out the Maſters was firſt begun
" (by his Excellency's Encouragement) in the
" Year 1699, at which Time we had Pow-
" der

" der and Fuzees, and other Arms. The next " Year, the General Aſſembly ſat in the Col- " lege, and on that Account, the School was " diſmiſs'd ſooner than ordinary. In 1701, " we ſhut out the Maſters again, and the next " Year was in 1702, which we find Mr. *Blair* " Complains of, but we know of no Diſcon- " tinuance of that Cuſtom, except while the " Aſſembly ſat in the College, as aforeſaid.

John Timſon.
John Tyler.
James Allen.
Charles Doyly.
Edward Duke.
Wilſon Roſcow.
John Lear.

The Governour's LETTER *to Madam* Sarah Walker.

Williamſburgh Jan. 22. 1704-5.

Madam,

" MR. *Blair* having accuſed me in *England*, " of ſetting on the School-Boys at *Chriſt-* " *mas* 1702, to ſhut out their Maſters, and " furniſhing them with Powder and Shot, with " a Deſign to kill him the ſaid Mr. *Blair*: Your " Son being one of them that were then in " the School, I deſire you may declare, under " your Hand, whether ever you heard him " ſay there was any ſuch Deſign of killing " Mr. *Blair*, and whether they had any Shot " at that Time. I ſhew'd Mr. *Blair*'s Affida- " vit in that Behalf, to Mr. *Walker*, who can " inform you what he ſays concerning it. I " hope you will let me have your Anſwer as " ſoon as poſſible. In the *interim* I remain

Your Moſt Humble Servant,
FR. NICHOLSON.

Madam

Madam SARAH WALKER's *Answer.*

SIR,

" I Am honoured with Yours of the 22d of " *January, per* which am Informed of Mr. " *Blair*'s Accusing your Excellency in *England*, " of encouraging the Collegians, to shut out " their Masters, and likewise of furnishing of " them with Powder and Shot, to kill the said " Mr. *Blair*; my Son *Joseph Ring* being of that " College, in whose Behalf I answer, That " I never heard him say, that there was any " such Design as the killing or prejudicing " Mr. *Blair*, nor that he had any Shot; but a " small time before he went for *England*, he " told me he heard such a Report, which he " was very much concerned at, having a true " Sense of the Falsity and Malice thereof. I " am

Your Excellency's Most Humble Servant,

SARAH WALKER.

Directed on the Back,

For His Excellency

FRANCIS NICHOLSON, *Esq*;

Her Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of Virginia, THESE.

Another DECLARATION *of the Scholars of* William *and* Mary *College.*

Monday January 22. 1704-5.

" WE the Subscribers having seen an Affida- " vit of Mr. Comissary *Blair*'s dated the " 1st of *May* 1704, wherein he says, that his

" Excel-

" Excellency the Governour, encouraged the
" Scholars at the Grammar School, to ſhut
" out their Maſters, and gave them Money to
" buy Powder and Shot, *&c.* And that he had
" too much Reaſon to ſuſpect, the Shot was
" contrived on his Account. We do therefore,
" as being concern'd in the ſhutting out the ſaid
" Maſters, Declare that we know of no Deſign
" againſt the Life of Mr. *Blair*, nor any Perſon
" whatſoever, and that we are very ſure there
" was no Shot made uſe of, nor heard that
" any one in the School had Shot, nor do we
" remember to have any ſuch Warning given
" to Mr. *Blair* not to offer to come in, for
" that we had Shot, and would Fire, *&c.*
" We believe ſome of us might ſay we would
" Fire (as we actually did) but it was only
" with Powder, there being no Shot amongſt
" us, to the Knowledge of us Subſcribers; as
" for Powder, we had ſome belonging to ſome
" of the Boys, but we do not know of any
" bought with the Governour's Money, nor
" do we remember, that any Powder was given
" us by any of his Excellency's Servants. Three
" of us Fired ſome of the Piſtols, and we De-
" clare there was no Shot in any of them.
" We declare, that we let *Charles Doily* and
" *John Grymes*, and ſome others, out at the
" School Window by a Rope, and not by a Lad-
" der. *Charles Doily* was ſent out to bring
" Powder from Mr. *Henry Tyler*'s Houſe, and
" was taken with the Powder (before he could
" get back to us) by Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Robertſon*,
" and we had none of that Powder. *John Grimes*
" was ſent out, becauſe he had accidentally
" cut his Leg on a Glaſs Bottle, and we do
" not remember, that any one was ſent out

" to

" to diſcover, as his Reverence Mr. *Blair* " alledges.

John Timſon.
John Tyler.
George Hunt.
Francis Tyler.
Charles Doyly.
Edward Duke.
John Grymes.
James Roſcow.
Charles Grymes.
Wilſon Roſcow.
John Lear.
Robert Pitt.
James Day.

" I Do declare, that I was the Perſon to " whom the Governour gave the Money to " buy Victuals, for holding out againſt the " Maſters, but gave no Directions to buy Pow- " der or Shot; and I was alſo the Perſon ſent " out to know the Governour's Pleaſure, when " the School ſhould be diſmiſs'd, but I do not " remember that I told Mr. *Blair* any thing " of the Governour's ſetting us on to ſhut out " the Maſters.

February 20. 1704-5. *John Lear.*

MEMORANDUM.

The Governour's ſolemn DECLARATION.

I *Do ſolemnly declare, That I never gave any of the Scholars of her Majeſty's Royal College of* William *and* Mary, *any Money, Powder, Bullets, or Shot, with an Intention to do any manner of Hurt, to Mr.* Blair *the then Preſident, or to any other Perſon whatſoever; and that I never carried any manner of Piſtols of what nature ſoever, in my Pocket, ſince I was a Boy; and that I never deſigned to do the ſaid* Blair *any manner of Harm, by thoſe baſe and villainous Ways; and this I am*

ready to atteſt upon my Corporal Oath; but no doubt the ſaid Blair *was very Conſcious to himſelf, that he had juſtly deſerved to be moſt ſeverely Puniſhed and Chaſtiſed by me, for his Baſeneſs, Villainy, and Ingratitude (to ſay no worſe of him) both by his Actions and Writings too.*

FR. NICHOLSON.

Mr. Johnſtoun's *Affidavit concerning the Scholars barring out their Maſters.*

June 12. 1705.

"I The Subſcriber, having this Day ſeen an "Affidavit of Mr. Com. *Blair* dated *May* 1. "1704, wherein he ſays, his Excellency en- "couraged the Scholars at the Grammar School "to ſhut out their Maſters, and gave them Mo- "ney to buy Powder and Shot, *&c.* and that "he had too much Reaſon to think, that it was "contrived on his Account.

"I therefore, being at the ſaid School, at "the ſaid time of ſhutting out the Maſters, "declare, That I know nothing of any Deſign "againſt Mr. *Blair*'s Life, nor of any other "Perſon whatſoever; and am very ſure, that "there was no Shot made uſe on upon that "Occaſion; nor do I remember of any ſuch "Warning being given Mr. *Blair*, as for to "take Care, for we had Shot, and ſhould Fire "(as we actually did Fire) but there was no "Shot in it, to the Knowledge of me the Sub- "ſcriber. As for Powder, we had ſome be- "longing to ſome of the Boys. *Charles Doley* "was let out of the School by a Rope, to fetch "Powder from Mr. *Henry Tyler*'s, but Mr. *Allen* "and Mr. *Robertſon* took him before he came

"back

" back to the School, and not to discover any
" Plot, as Mr. *Blair* alledges.
King *and* Queen *County*.

Richard Johnstoun.

Sworn in open Court held for the said County, this 12th Day of June 1705.
Test' C. C. Thacker, *Cler' Cur'*

" I further declare, That the Custom of
" Barring out began in 1699, and in the Year
" 1700, the General Assembly obtained leave
" for us to be dismissed before the usual Time,
" and 1701, we barred out again, and likewise
" in the Year 1702, which is the Year
" Mr. *Blair* alledges these things against his
" Excellency.

Richard Johnstoun.

The Originals of the above Affidavits are in *King* and *Queen*'s County Office.
Test' C. C. Thacker, *Cler' Cur'*

The latter Part of Dr. BRAY's Dedication, necessarily referred to, P. 13.

YOUR *Majesty has indeed given such other Noble Testimonies in those Parts of Your Piety and Zeal, as far surpass all that has been done before you. Your Provinces in* America *are very many, and great; They extend from North to South* 30 *Degrees; and from* New-Foundland *down to St.* Vincent's, *they run parallel with* Scotland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Barbary, *and* Guinea. *And though the Subjects to the Crown of* England *inhabiting the Country are very*

Numerous, as well as the Countries themſelves are vaſtly large, yet I cannot hear of any Publick Foundations for Education in any one of them, but only one in New-England, *till Your Majeſty's Happy Acceſſion to the Throne, who ſoon after Erected, and Liberally Endow'd a Noble College in* Virginia, *to be a Seminary of good Education, and ſound Religion in that Weſtern Part of the World. And when that great Work met with as great Diſcouragement, yet ſuch was Your Majeſty's Pious Zeal to have it ſpeedily perfected, that you plac'd in the Government of that Province the moſt Worthy and Excellent Perſon* FRANCIS NICHOLSON, *Eſq; one, who, like* David will ſcarcely let his Eye-lids take reſt, till he has Built that a Temple to the Lord, and Erected that an Houſe for the Holy God of *Jacob.*

The Province next adjoining to Virginia *is* Mary-Land, *which though it be well Inhabited, and for much the greater part, by Proteſtants of our Communion, yet in Sixty Years time had neither a Church, nor a ſettl'd Clergy amongſt them. But your Majeſty no ſooner took the Government into your own Hands, and the Province under your Immediate Direction and Care, but an Act of Aſſembly paſt for dividing the Ten Counties thereof into Thirty Pariſhes, each of which is endow'd with a competent Maintenance for a Miniſter. And when the Execution of that Act was in a manner wholly neglected, then it pleas'd Your Majeſty to confer the Government of that Province on the the ſame Excellent Perſon, who with an indefatigable Induſtry and Zeal to promote Your Majeſty's Honour, and the Intereſt of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Good of the whole Province, Reviv'd and Enforc'd the ſaid Act by another Additional one for the Encreaſe and Maintenance of*

Religion,

Religion, collected the Arrears, and in leſs than three Years time, built Thirty Churches, and began a Noble School to be a Seminary to your Royal College. All which will, no doubt, by the like generous Zeal of your Majeſty's preſent Governour, be ſpeedily Finiſh'd.

Theſe are ſuch unuſual Inſtances of a Princely Concern for the chiefeſt Good, even of the remoteſt of your People, that 'tis no wonder it ſhould animate the meaneſt of your Clergy to attempt being ſubſervient in promoting ſomething of the like Nature. In which therefore if any thing has been done of Publick Benefit, it muſt be attributed to the Bleſſing of God, and the Influence of ſo happy a Government, which, that the Almighty may long continue, and ſignalize in every Period of it, with the moſt glorious Actions, ſhall be the fervent Prayer of,

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's Moſt Dutiful, and

Obedient Subject and Servant,

THO. BRAY.

The Affidavit of Thomas Johnſon.

Williamſburgh Jan. 17. 1704-5.

" I *Thomas Johnſon* having ſeen an Affidavit of " Mr. Commiſſary *Blair*'s, dated the firſt of " *May* 1704, do declare, That I was Servant " to the ſaid Commiſſary *Blair* at *Chriſtmas* " 1702, and ſome time before, and continu- " ed in his Service, till Mrs. *Blair* went for " *England*. I remember, that ſome time be- " fore *Chriſtmas* 1702, Mr. *Blair* then Lodg- " ing in the College, the Scholars ſhut up the

 " Doors

" Doors of the Grammar School, Mr. *Blair* cal-
" led me up (I being then in Bed) and I went
" with him, together with a Negro Man, to
" break open the School Doors. Mr. *Blair* with
" an Axe endeavoured to break open the ſaid
" Doors, and afterward gave it to the Negro,
" at which time ſeveral Piſtols were fired by
" the Scholars, one of which (as I heard) was
" fired by *George Hunt*, one of the Scholars,
" and ſome of the Powder hit the Negro Man
" in the Eye, or near it, which made him cry
" out he was Hurt; but I believe he was more
" Afraid than Hurt, for I did not perceive any
" Wound or Scratch that he had. Upon the
" firing of the Piſtols, a Negro Girl run and
" told Mrs. *Blair*, that Mr. *Blair* was ſhot, and
" then Mrs. *Blair* came out of the Piazza's of
" the College. I was afterwards ſent to call
" *John Newman* Carpenter, to come and break
" open the School Doors, he being then at the
" Capitol, and when I came back (which was
" about an Hour after) I found Mr. *Blair* in
" his Chamber, and told him that *Newman*
" would not come. Whereupon Mr. *Blair*
" ſaid, that he muſt then let the Scholars alone
" till Morning. I did not hear Mr. *Blair* ſay,
" that the Scholars intended to ſhoot him, nor
" ſeem to be afraid of any ſuch thing, nor did
" I hear that the Scholars had any Shot, or
" made uſe of any, but I heard ſome of them ſay,
" they would ſhoot the Negro Man, if they
" could conveniently come at him, but whe-
" ther they meant with Powder only I cant tell.
" I remember, that I heard ſome Diſcourſe of
" ſomebody's coming in the Night to
" Mr. *Blair*'s Chamber Door, but know no-
" thing further of that Matter, nor I do remem-

" ber

" ber that ever Mr. *Blair*, or any body elſe
" ſaid it was the Governour.

THO. JOHNSON.

Signed in Preſence of
Mongo Ingles,
John Allen,
Will. Robertſon.

The Affidavit of Jane Newman.

Williamſburgh Jan. 17. 1704-5.

" I *Jane Newman*, do declare, that I was
" Servant to Mr. Commiſſary *Blair* at *Chriſt-*
" *mas* 1702, and for ſome Years preceeding,
" and continued in his Service, till *April* fol-
" lowing, when I was Married. I remember,
" that ſome time before *Chriſtmas* 1702, the
" Scholars one Night nailed up the Doors of
" the Grammar School, in the College, to ſhut
" out their Maſters, at which time Mr. *Blair*
" lodged in the College: When Mr. *Blair* firſt
" heard the Noiſe, he told Mrs. *Blair*, that he
" feared the Boys were going to ſhut out their
" Maſters, or to that purpoſe; to which
" Mrs. *Blair* anſwered, ſhe believed ſo too.
" Then Mr. *Blair* got out of Bed, and went
" out, and I heard him talk to the Scholars in
" Latin, and then he came in again, and told
" that the Boys had ſhut the School Doors, and
" would not open to him; upon which
" Mrs. *Blair* Laughed and Smiled at it: He
" put on his Cloaths, and called a Negro Man,
" and I think an *Engliſh* Servant Man, Named
" *Thomas Johnſon*, and went with them to break
" open the School Doors. At that time I did not
" perceive any Fear in Mr. *Blair*, or his Wife,
" but ſhortly after ſome Piſtols, or Guns being

 " fired,

" fired, a Negro Girl came running in, and ſaid
" the Boys had ſhot her Maſter : Upon which
" Mrs. *Blair* got up, and went out and talked
" to the Boys, and called to *John Blair*, who
" was then in the School, but he either would
" not anſwer, or the reſt of the Scholars
" would not let him; by that time Mr. *Allen*,
" and Mr. *Robertſon* were called up, and came
" down, and heard the Scholars threaten to
" ſhoot, ſaying, there was but one way the
" Maſters could come in at, and they would
" ſhoot thro' there. I heard, that Mr. *Allen*
" was hurt with the Powder, and the Negro
" Man received ſome Hurt in the Eye, by the
" firing of the Piſtol, but I did not perceive
" any Wound he had, and believed he was more
" Afraid than Hurt. Mr. *Blair* ſent his *Engliſh*
" Servant Man to call *John Newman* Carpenter
" (who is now my Huſband) he being then at the
" Capitol, to come and break open the School
" Doors, but he did not come; in the mean time
" Mr. *Blair* and his Wife went from one Door
" of the School to the other, talking to the
" Scholars, and I heard one of the Scholars
" ſay, they had Victuals and Drink enough,
" and aſked Mrs. *Blair* to drink ſome Wine
" with them : And when the Servant Man re-
" turned, and told, that the Carpenter would
" not come, Mr. *Blair* and his Wife being in
" their Chamber, he ſaid they muſt let the Boys
" alone the reſt of the Night. I heard nothing
" of any Shot the Scholars had, or made uſe of,
" nor did I hear Mr. *Blair*, or Mrs. *Blair*, ſay,
" they had any.

" I don't remember any thing of my hearing
" any one Knocking, or making a Noiſe, at
" Mr. *Blair*'s Chamber Door, as is mentioned

" in

" in his Affidavit, which was now read to me;
" nor that he called me up, on ſuch an Account.
" I uſed to lye in the Cloſet, adjoyning to the
" ſaid Chamber, and there was a Negro Girl,
" that lay in the Chamber, and I don't remem-
" ber that any other Woman uſed to lye in the
" Cloſet or Chamber, except ſometimes when
" Mrs. *Blair* hired Women to waſh, that may
" be one of them might lye there, and then I
" uſed to lye there alſo. I never heard Mr. *Blair*
" ſay, that he was afraid of being ſhot by the
" Boys, at the time they ſhut up the School
" Doors, nor did I ever hear him ſay, that it
" was the Governour that attempted to break
" into the Chamber, nor heard any ſuch thing
" reported till now.

JANE NEWMAN,
+
Her Mark.

Signed in Preſence of
Mongo Ingles.
John Allen.
Will. Robertſon.

KATHERINE YOUNG's *Declaration concerning Mr. Commiſſary* Blair.

Jan. 23. 1704-5.

" I *Katherine Young*, do declare, that I never
" made Complaint (to the beſt of my Re-
" membrance) to Mr. *Robert Beverly*, or any
" other, that his Excellency's Account for Vi-
" ctuals, in *April* 1703, amounted only to
" Thirteen Pounds odd Money: The Falſhood
" of that Aſſertion appearing plainly by my
" Huſ-

" Husband's Book, where in the Account, " that Court is considerably more, tho' that " Court was the shortest I had known.

" I do well remember, that in *December*, " 1701, I having then the Charge of Dieting " the Scholars in the College, they some time " before *Christmas* shut the School Doors, " against their Masters, in order (as I understood) " to obtain Leave to break up sooner; upon " which Mr. *Blair* came to me, and very angri- " ly asked me, how I durst give his Children " Victuals in the School, and said that I en- " couraged them to rebel. To which I an- " swered, that I knew no Children he had, " but as for the Scholars I was appointed for " that purpose, and paid for their Victuals: " Upon which Words, he called me impudent " Hussey, and said, he would make me know " he was Governour of the College. My An- " swer was to him, that there is a Governour " above you, and if he were at home, you " durst not do as you have done. Then the " said Mr. *Blair* taking up his Cane, push'd me " in the Breast with it, being at that time stand- " ing at the head of the Stairs, that goes down " to the Kitchen, and had not my Cook-maid " been just at my Back, and supported me, he " had pushed me down the said Stairs. As to " what Mr. *Blair* says, that it is a common " Saying of mine, that there is always either a " Feast or a Fast, at his Excellency's House, " I never used such an Expression in my Life, " to the best of my Remembrance.

KATHERINE YOUNG,
her ✠ Mark.

MARY

MARY WILSON's *Declaration concerning Mr. Commiſſary* Blair.

March 22. 1704-5.

"I the Subſcriber, do very well remember, "what is contained in the above ſaid De- "claration of Mrs. *Young*, concerning the Scho- "lars ſhutting out the Maſters, in 1701, and "that Mr. *Blair* called Mrs. *Young* ſeveral "Names, as Impudent Huſſey, and threatned "to kick her, and that he puſhed her with "with his Cane, and had it not been for me, "and another Servant Maid, he had puſhed "her down Stairs.

MARY WILSON,
†
her Mark.

JOHN YOUNG's *Declaration concerning Mr. Commiſſary* Blair.

Jan. 23.

"I *John Young*, do very well remember, that "in the Year 1701, I having then the "Charge of Dieting the Scholars at the Col- "lege, ſome time before *Chriſtmas* that Year, "they ſhut out their Maſters, and as I under- "ſtood, they had formerly done it, in order "to break up ſooner. I have looked over the "Account of the Charge of furniſhing and "dreſſing his Excellency's Victuals, in *April* "General Court 1703, which Mr. *Robert* "*Beverly* ſays, my Wife complained, that it "amounted only to Thirteen Pounds, odd Mo- "ney, and find the Account of that Court is

"con-

" conſiderably more, tho' that Court was the " ſhorteſt I had known.

John Young.

An Account of DONATIONS *made by His Excellency*, Francis Nicholſon, *Eſq*; *to* William *and* Mary *College in* Virginia.

Imprimis, His Subſcription when Lieutenant Governour, paid to Mr. *Blair* in *England*, viz.	*L.*	100 00 00
Paid to Coll. *Bird*, Treaſurer of the College,		100 00 00
Given for maintaining a poor Scholar,		200 00 00
Given in 1700, his Share of the Ship *Integrity* of *Bideford*, condemned,		21 13 09
Given towards finiſhing the College Kitchen,		100 00 0
Given in 1704, a Negro Man for the Uſe of the College, Price		30 00 00
	L.	551 13 09

Beſides a conſiderable Number of Books, which are now in the College Library, and likewiſe other Gifts to the Scholars; and for buying Maps for the Uſe of the School, *&c.*

His Excellency hath alſo, for theſe Four Years paſt, maintained a poor Scholar at the College, at 10 *l. per Annum.*

Paid

Paid also towards the Education of another Scholar, about a Year and a half, at the Rate of 5 *l. per Annum.*

Paid towards the Education of a Clergyman's Son 10 *l. per Ann.* about a Year and a half.

Besides what he annually gives to the Scholars at *Christmas* and *Shrovetide*, Prizes of Books for Disputants, and other things for their Diversions, whereof no Account is kept; as likewise what he gave amongst the Workmen of the College, to encourage them to mind their Work.

Account of Money received by Mr. James Blair, *for his Salary, as President of* William *and* Mary *College.*

FOR the first Year's Salary, from the First of *September* 1693, to the First of *September* 1694,	*L.* 100	00 00
For his Salary, from the First of *September* 1694, to the 20th of *July* 1703, being Eight Years, Ten Months, and Twenty Days, at 150 *l. per Annum.*	1332	10 00
	L. 1432	10 00

He gave towards Building of the College, 20 *l.* Mr. *Blair* remitted the first Year 50 *l.* of his Salary.

Memo-

Memorandum, This Account of his Reverence *Blair*'s ends in the Year 1694, beſides what he has had of the College Money ſince. *Quære* then, Whether he ought not, both in Law and Equity, be obliged to give an Account thereof upon Oath, and produce the Account of the ſaid College from 1694?

Quære farther, Whether, by theſe two Accounts, it will not appear who hath been the greater Benefactor or Promoter of the Royal College of *William* and *Mary*, his Reverence *Blair*, or Mr. *Nicholſon*?

To the Right Honourable the Earl of MACCLESFIELD, Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, The Humble PETITION of the Viſitors, Governour, and Preſident of *William* and *Mary* College in *Virginia*,

Sheweth,

THAT *their late Majeſties*, *King* William *and Queen* Mary, *of bleſſed Memory*, *by their Royal Charter*, *were graciouſly pleaſed to found a Seminary of Learning*, *in their ancient Colony of* Virginia, *by the Name of the College of* William *and* Mary; *to conſiſt of a Preſident*, *Six Maſters*, *and an Hundred Scholars more or leſs*.

That a Controverſy hath of late ariſen among the Viſitors of this College, *whether there is any Salary at preſent due to Mr.* Blair, *who by the Charter is appointed Preſident*, *during his natural Life*; *for the final deciding of which Diſpute*, *the contending Parties have agreed to ſubmit to your Lordſhip's Determination thereof*; *and to that end they have ſtated*

ſtated and agreed to a Caſe between them, which they have ſent over under their College Seal, and moſt humbly pray your Lordſhip's Determination thereon, and agree to acquieſce with all imaginable Chearfulneſs, to whatſoever ſhall be your Lordſhip's Sentiments thereon.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Lordſhip, to appoint ſome ſhort Day for Hearing and Determining the ſame.

And your Petitioners ſhall ever pray, &c.

Dec. 12. 1721.

"LET this Caſe be ſet down to be heard "before me on the next Day of Petiti- "ons, and in the mean time let a Copy of the "Charter and of the Caſe be left with me, "of which give Notice forthwith.

MACCLESFIELD *C.*

This is a true Copy of the Petition and Order, of which its Purports to be a Copy.

John Sharpe.

Lunæ, Nono Die Aprilis. 1722.

Ex Parte William *and* Mary *College,*

LORD CHANCELLOR,

AS Dr. *Blair* is Rector he is not entitled to any thing, but the only Queſtion upon the Caſe ſtated and ſubmitted by the Conſent of the Parties, being only whether Dr. *Blair* is Preſident of the ſaid College, and as ſuch entitled to the Salary of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum* (appoint-

(appointed by the Viſitors) from the Year 1718. I am of Opinion the Doctor is not Preſident of the College, or entitled to ſuch Salary; for altho' by the Charter he is to be the firſt Preſident for his Life, yet that is not to be until the College is founded, which can't properly be ſaid to be done, until the building is erected, the Profeſſors named, and ſome Eſtabliſhment made in relation to the Scholars; and when this is done (and not till then) it may be ſaid the College is founded; and this being not yet done, he can't be Preſident, or as ſuch, be entitled to a Salary, of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum*: Nor does the Charter any way fix the Salary at One Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum*, but leaves the ſame to the Viſitors to make a reaſonable Salary from time to time, ſuitable to the Revenue of the College. But altho' Dr. *Blair* is not yet Preſident, yet he having been uſefully employed in fittting up the College, and looking after the Children, do conceive him to be the fitteſt Perſon to be continued ſo to do, and that for ſuch his Care and Trouble therein, he ought in Equity and Juſtice to have a reaſonable Salary paid to him from 1718 until the College be founded. But in as much, as one Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Ann.* ſeems to be too much, according to the preſent Revenue, do there-

fore

fore propoſe to the Truſtees, to pay him at the rate of One Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, from 1718, until the College be finiſhed; and do conceive the Truſtees have done right, in providing Maſters to teach the Boys, and do recommend it to the Truſtees, to go on to finiſh the College, and to erect a Chapel with the Money in their Hands, and to proceed to Name the reſt of the Profeſſors, ſo ſoon as they ſhall be of uſe, according to the firſt Propoſal; and the Parties now deſiring my Opinion touching the Election of a Burgeſs to repreſent the College, do conceive that cannot be done until the College be finiſhed, and is become a Corporation.

This is a true Copy of the Minutes, as taken on the hearing of this Matter by the Regiſter,

John Sharpe.

Memorandum.

Quære, If it is not very plain by this Award of the Right Honourable *Thomas* Earl of *Macclesfield*, then Lord Chancellor of *Great Britain*, that his Reverence *Blair* had no Right to the One Hundred and Fifty Pounds *per Annum* Sterl. as Preſident; therefore, both in Law and Equity, he ought to repay to the College what Sums of Money he received upon that Account: And *Quære*, by what Authority he can receive the One Hundred ~~and Fifty~~ Pounds *per Annum* Sterl. according to my Lord Chancellor's Propoſition to the Truſtees of the ſaid College, there being but two beſides himſelf alive, *viz.* one

Mr. *Fouace*, and Mr. *Nicholſon*, to whom no Application was ever made by the ſaid *Blair* or others.

Part of a Paragraph of the ſaid Reverend *Blair*'s further Affidavit.

HE moſt notoriouſly lies, and afterwards ſwears to it, That *the ſaid Governour* Nicholſon *had brought the College* 500 l. *in Debt, beſides* 200 l. *which at firſt he advanced towards the founding of a Scholarſhip, but ſpent in finiſhing the Building; yet afterwards made the College repay it every Farthing, when he had had the Applauſe of it both in* England *and* Virginia.

Part of another Paragraph of the ſaid Affidavit.

AND at the ſame ſcarce Time, he made the College repay him 200 l. *he had given towards Keeping of a Scholar, and had* 70 l. *given to his Friend Coll.* Cary, *for auditing the Accounts; ſo that there was not enough left to pay the Maſters Salaries.*

In Anſwer to that concerning the 200 *l.* the Reader is referred to the Paper entitled, *References and Memorandums concerning* Blair *and the College, with a Memorandum concerning the ſame.* His Reverence *Blair* ſhews his inveterate Malice, by repeating this Affair of the 200 *l.* and here his Dictator, the Father of Lies, guided his Pen in this, as alſo in the Affair of Coll. *Cary*'s 70 *l.* the Falſity of which will appear by *Coll.* Miles Cary's *Anſwer to his Reverence* Blair's *Affidavit concerning the* 70 l.

with

with a Memorandum concerning the ſame. To which are ſubjoin'd, *A Copy of Coll.* Miles Cary's Account to *William* and *Mary College in* Virginia; and *Two Copies of Accounts of Money received towards building of* William *and* Mary *College in* Virginia, *one dated* April 20. *in* England, 1705; *the other dated* October 10. 1700. *With a Memorandum*, viz. By theſe Accounts it will appear how much Governour *Nicholſon* gave towards Building, *&c.* of the College. He alſo gave to the Uſe of the ſaid College, a Library, which 'tis ſuppoſed might coſt him 50 or 60 *l.* Sterl. a Catalogue of which Books is in his Cuſtody ſign'd by Mr. *William Robertſon* Clerk of the College. He alſo gave for the uſe of the School ſeveral Books; beſides, it coſt him ſome Money in encouraging the Scholars to make their Exerciſes, and entertaining People at the ſaid Publick Exerciſes. What his Reverence *Blair* hath given, *&c.* towards building the ſaid College appears *P.* 29. which was only 20 *l.* As for the 50 *l.* he pretends to have remitted of his firſt Year's Salary, 'tis a Jeſt, he having no Right to it, as appears by the Lord Chancellor's Opinion. Now *Quære*, Why did not his Reverence *Blair* ſend an authentick Copy of the ſaid Lord Chancellor's Opinion to *Francis Nicholſon* Eſq; the firſt and chief Truſtee of the ſaid College, which he might have done, either from *London*, or from *Virginia* when the ſaid Mr. *Nicholſon* was Governour of his Majeſty's Province of *South Carolina*; and that by the Honourable Capt. *Martin*, Commander of one of his Majeſty's Ships, who attended that Province, and went from thence to *Virginia*, from whence he returned again to *South Carolina?* And alſo *Quære*, Whether the preten-

ded President *Blair* hath received 100 *l. per Annum* ſince the ſaid Determination, and how he could legally do it, without Conſent of the ſaid Truſtee, Mr. *Nicholſon?* But that Affair, as likewiſe what relates to the late Act concerning the College in *Virginia*, &c. ſhall (God willing) be printed, in order to let the World ſee ſomething of a Character of the ſaid *Blair*.

REFERENCES *to particular Orders and Proceedings of the Truſtees and Governours of the College, for invalidating what Mr.* Blair, *in his Affidavit of* May 1. 1704, *charges on his Excellency, in relation to the College.*

1. AN Order of the General Meeting, That Mr. *Fouace*, Mr. *Blair*, and Coll. *Ludwell*, agree with Mr. *John Tullit*, or any other, for Timber to finiſh the College, *Page* 27.

2. A Reſolve of the General Meeting, That an Offer be made to the Governour and Council, of whatſoever Rooms within the College that may be wanted for the uſe of the Country, *P.* 35.

3. An Order to the Committee, to provide Plank and Timber for finiſhing the College, *ibid.*

4. Divers Orders of the General, in relation to the Carpenters Work of the College, about the Mens Order of Pay, *P.* 37.

5. His Excellency's Propoſal about the Penny *per* Pound in *Maryland*, *P.* 42.

6. The Declaration of the Truſtees and Governours of the College, That his Excellency hath

hath always promoted the Intereſt of the College, P. 46.

*7. What his Excellency declared in relation to the Two Hundred Pounds given by him for Founding a Scholarſhip, &c. P. 50.

8. What his Excellency did in relation to the Penny *per* Pound in *Maryland*, P. 53.

*9. His Excellency's Offer of the Two Hundred Pounds for Founding a Scholarſhip, to be employed for Payment of the Salaries, and to truſt the College till they have Money in Bank, P. 54.

10. Propoſal of his Excellency to take the Houſe where he now lives, at the Rate of 30 *l.* *per Annum*. *ibid.*

It is to be noted, that the whole Management of the Building of the College, was entruſted to a Committee, whereof his Excellency was but one, and ſo cannot be charged with any Fault on that Account; and it is alſo obſervable, that two of the chief Carpenters employed about the College, were Mr. *Blair*'s Servants, and if they were unſkilful, it was his Duty to have prevented their being employed; but whether they were or not, he reaped the Benefit of their Labour, and never complained of the Extravagancy of their Wages. And it is to be ſuppoſed, he knew as well how to make Advantage of the Haſte of finiſhing (if any was) as any Workman employed in that Service.

Memorandum, That his Excellency lay in the Council Chamber, and had no other Room, and was Rector for above a Twelve Month at that Time.

Memorandum, to look for the Order for the uſe of the Hall and Kitchen.

Memorandum, to look for the Order of Council General Court, and Aſſembly, for removing the Records.

Memorandum, to ſee how much his Excellency has given.

Memorandum, This is a Copy of a Paper writ by Mr. *Robinſon*, Clerk of the Council, as alſo of the College, which References, it is ſuppoſed, will invalidate his Reverence *Blair*'s Depoſitions concerning the College, *&c.* and particularly concerning the ſaid *Blair*'s two Carpenters.

Memorandum, N° 7. and 9. thus marked * * ſhews what Governour *Nicholſon* did, concerning the Two Hundred Pounds for Founding a Scholarſhip: And that he did not make the College repay the ſaid Two Hundred Pounds, and conſequently, that That part of his Affidavit is as falſe as the reſt. But his lying and afterwards ſwearing to what he advanced, became habitual to him, as will appear when the reſt of his Affidavits are anſwered.

Colonel Miles Cary's *Anſwer to his Reverence* Blair's *Affidavit concerning the* 70 l. *With a Memorandum concerning the ſame.*

May it pleaſe Your Excellency,

" OBſerving in Mr. *Blair*'s Affidavit con-
" cerning the College of *William* and
" *Mary* in *Virginia*, That Your Excellency is
" reflected on, as giving your Friend Coll.
" *Miles Cary* (as he is pleaſed to Expreſs it)
" Seventy Pounds, for his Auditing the College
" Accounts: I humbly pray Your Excellency's

" Leave

" Leave to lay the whole Matter of Fact before
" you. And firſt you will find by the Minutes
" of the College Proceedings, That the 24th
" of *April*, 1694, it was agreed by the Go-
" vernours of the College, That a Treaſurer
" ſhould be choſen, whoſe Office ſhould be,
" to receive and pay out all Money, *&c.* ac-
" cruing, or which ſhould hereafter accrue due
" to the College, and that he ſhould be allow'd
" Five *per Cent* for ſuch receiving and paying;
" and that *William Byrd* Eſq; was accordingly,
" at the ſame time Elected Treaſurer, and by
" his Account made up, and paſt with the Col-
" lege, was allowed One Hundred and Twen-
" ty Pounds, for his receiving and paying
" *L.* 2402. *7s.* 10*d.* 2*q.* That the 20th of
" *October* 1699, the ſame Duty, Charge, and
" Truſt of receiving and paying what was due
" to and from the College was by the Govern-
" ours, put upon me, with Inſtructions to di-
" rect the Suing of ſeveral Perſons all over the
" Country that have refuſed the paying of their
" Donation to the College. That between
" the ſaid 20th of *October* 1699, and the 10th
" of *November* 1702, I had actually received
" and paid of the College Money, *L.* 2652
" 6*s.* 11*d.* beſides the vaſt Trouble of copy-
" ing and ſending out the ſeveral Donations all
" over the Country, to ſeveral Perſons to re-
" ceive, and in caſe of Refuſal, to Sue for the
" ſame; by Methodizing and Stating the Col-
" lege Accounts from the beginning to that
" Time, which coſt me more Labour, Time,
" and Trouble, than all the other Buſineſs I
" was concerned in. For which ſaid Service,
" inſtead of Charging Five *per Cent*, according
" to the Allowance to the Treaſurer, I conten-

" ted my ſelf to charge only Two and a Half " *per Cent* for what I had received and paid, " and Three Pounds odd Money for all the " Trouble and Haraſs I had about the Accounts " and other Matters, which amounted to the " ſaid Sum of Seventy Pounds, and was unani- " mouſly allowed by all the Governours pre- " ſent, Mr. *Blair* himſelf being one: Nor do " I remember Your Excellency ſpoke one " Word in it all; which Proceedings of the " Governours of the College are as follows.

James-City, April 24. 1694.

AT a Meeting of the Founders and Gover-nours of the College of *William* and *Mary* in *Virginia*,

Preſent Mr. *James Blair* Rector.

Ralph Wormley, *Benjamin Harriſon*,
William Byrd, *William Randolph*, Eſq;
John Lear, *William Fitzhugh*,
Henry Hartwell, *Lewis Burwell*,
Stephen Fouace, Gentlemen.
Eſquires.

A Debate ariſing concerning the moſt con-venient Methods for managing the Money, and other things given to the College by Sub-ſcriptions made by ſeveral Perſons within this Colony of *Virginia*: 'Tis reſolved that a Treaſurer be choſen, whoſe Office ſhall be, to receive and pay out all Moneys, Tobaccoes, or any other things whatſoever accruing due hereafter, or which is at preſent due, and be-longing, to the College within this Colony of *Virginia*, or the Province of *Mary-Land*, and that this Treaſurer ſhall be allowed Five Pound

per

per Cent for ſuch his receiving and paying, and that he ſhall be anſwerable for all Moneys, Bills, Tobaccoes, and other things whatſoever, which ſhall come to his Hand, except for Bills of Exchange drawn by Perſons Inſolvent, and coming in proteſted.

William Bird, Eſq; is elected Treaſurer.

Vera Copia, WILL. ROBERTSON.
Cler' Coll'

James Town, *October* 20. 1699.

AT a Meeting of the Governours of the College,

Preſent Mr. Rector *Blair*.

His Excellency *Fr. Nicholſon*, Eſq;
William Bird, Eſq;
Matth. Page, Eſq;
Ben. Harriſon, Eſq;
Mr. *Steph. Fouace*,
Coll. *Will. Randolph*,
Coll. *Miles Cary*,
Maj. *Lewis Burwell*.

The Anſwer which Mr. *Ballard* brought from the ſeveral Subſcribers being read, ſeveral Directions were given for Suing thoſe that refuſed to pay, and Coll. *Cary* is deſired and impowered to purſue the ſaid Directions, and to ſell all the Tobacco due to the College, as alſo to take the beſt Method he can for recovering Payment of the Subſcriptions on the North ſide of *Rappahannak* and *Accomack*, where Mr. *Ballard* did not demand.

Coll. *Cary* is likewiſe deſired, and impowered from time to time, to demand and audit the Accounts of the ſeveral Collectors and naval Officers.

Vera Copia,
WILL. ROBERTSON, Cler' Coll'

Novem-

November 10. 1702.

AT a Meeting of the Committee, &c. at the College;

Preſent His Excellency *Fr. Nicholſon*, Eſq;

Mr. Preſident *Blair*, Coll. *Miles Cary*,
Coll. *Ph. Ludwell*, Major *Arth. Allen*.
Coll. *Lewis Burwell*,

The Committee took into Conſideration Colonel *Miles Cary*'s Accounts, and there being ſome Vouchers wanting, which Colonel *Cary* acquainting the Committee were among his Papers, and that he would ſearch for them, his Accounts were laid aſide for this time.

Thurſday, November 11. 1702.
Preſent as Yeſterday.

COlonel *Miles Cary*'s Accounts being fully examined and audited by this Committee, the Balance found due by him to the College, is *L.* 40. 5 *s.* 6 *d.*

Vera Copia,
WILL. ROBERTSON, Cler' Coll'

Colonel *Cary*, by the ſaid Account paſt by the Committee, has Credit,

By Salary, for receiving and paying *L.* 2652 6 *s.* 11 *d.* and for his Trouble in ſetling and auditing all the College Accounts to this Day, } *L.* 70 00 00

Vera Copia,
WILL. ROBERTSON, Cler' Coll'

Colo-

Colonel *Bird*, by his Accounts paſt with the College, thus:

By his Account *July* 22. 1699.

For receiving *L.* 998 3 *s.* 8 *d.* at 5 *per Cent*,	*L.*	49	17 00
Per another Account the ſame Date. For receiving *L.* 873 14 *s.* 2 *d.*		43	17 04
Per another Account the ſame Date. For receiving *L.* 680 10 *s.*		34	08 06
	L.	128	02 10
Deduct for receiving his Excellency's Donations of *L.* 150		07	10 00
	L.	120	12 10

Vera Copia,

WILL. ROBERTSON, Cler' Coll'

All which is humbly ſubmitted to Your Excellency by

Your Excellency's

February 20. 1704-5. Moſt Humble Servant,

MILES CARY.

AT a General Meeting of the Truſtees and Governours of the College of *William* and *Mary*, held at the Houſe of Mr. *Iſaac Jumart* in *Williamſburgh*, *March* 29. 1703.

Preſent *William Bird*, Eſq; Rector.

His

His Excellency	*Miles Cary*, Gent.
Fr. Nicholſon, Eſq;	*Will. Randolph*, Gent.
Matth. Page, Eſq;	*William Leigh*, Gent.
Ben. Harriſon, Eſq;	*B. Harriſon* jun' Gent.
Mr. Preſident *Blair*,	*Thomas Barber*, Gent.
Ph. Ludwell, Eſq;	Mr. *John Page*.

The Proceedings of the Committee appointed for auditing Mr. *Miles Cary*, and Mr. Preſident *Blair*'s Accounts relating to the College, being read, as reported to this Meeting, were agreed to,

Vera Copia,

WILL. ROBERTSON, Cler' Coll'

Memorandum, Mr. *Blair*'s Swearing, That Coll. *Cary* had 70 *l.* allowed him by the Governour, is as untrue, as moſt of the reſt of his Swearing is, and it is ſuppoſed, that the College being 500 *l.* in Debt, was by reaſon of the ſaid *Blair*'s taking 150 *l. per Ann.* as Preſident; his taking of which may chance to be found contrary to the Charter, and then he may be by Law obliged to refund the 1432 *l.* 10*s.* which he hath received; for it is ſuppoſed, that he will find it a very difficult thing, to juſtify his taking of it, and to prove, that he hath done the College 200 *l.* worth of Good, or Service. He may ſay of it, as one of the Popes did of the Chriſtian Religion, for he hath *gained ſufficiently by the Fable of the College*. Col. *Ludwell*, Major *Burwell*, Mr. *Harriſon*, Mr. *Fouace*, and Himſelf, had a great deal of Money, while the College was a building, for Labourers, Cart-Horſes, Victuals, *&c.* and

and by their Stores, and got more of it by their paying Workmen and Labourers, in furniſhing them with Goods, &c. and may be, by theſe Ways, they had a Third, or a Quarter, of the Money which the College coſt.

Colonel MILES CARY's *Account to* William *and* Mary *College in* Virginia.

MILES CARY, *Receiver of the Revenue due to* William *and* Mary *College*, Dtor.

To ſeveral Articles, as *per* former Account,	L. 1292	18	2
Captain *Lone*'s Donation, received of Capt. *Wilſon*,	20	0	0
Mr. *Will. Colſon*'s Exchange for 1900 lb Tobacco Donations in *Richmond* County,	5	4	6

Caſh received of Mr. Francis, *Mr.* Merriweather, *for Donations received in* Eſſex *County.*

Mr. *Henry Adcock*	L. 0	10	0	
Mr. *John Webſter*	0	10	0	
Mr. *Tho. Green*	0	10	0	
Samuel Thacker	0	10	0	
Daniel Diſhin	0	10	0	
Mr. *William Moſely*	1	5	0	L. 9 18 9
Henry Woodnot	0	13	9	
Mr. *Ed. Thomas* Eld.	1	0	0	
Mr. *Edw. Paget*	1	0	0	
Mr. *Hen. Awbry*	2	10	0	
Humph. Booth	1	0	0	
		L.	1328 01	5

Brought

Brought over	L.	1328	01 5
To Mr. *Alleſton*'s Account of the 1ſt of *September* 1701,		13	14 6
To Mr. *Chucketter*'s Account of the 4th of *October* 1701,		1	6 8
To a Legacy of Mr. *Theodorus Summer*,		5	0 0
Sir *William Denis*'s Donation,		50	0 0
To Caſh received of Coll. *Wilſon*, for the Duty of Skins and Furrs, according to Mr. *Heyman*'s Certificate,		20	11 10
By ſeveral Payments, as *per* Account,		1418	13 7
		1409	4 9
Balance		9	8 10
April 10. 1702.	L.	1418	13 7

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Truſtees and Governours of the College of William *and* Mary, November 11. 1702.

WHereas there are ſeveral Accounts due for Work done about the College, &c. amounting to One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, Three Shillings, Eleven Pence Farthing, as by a Computation this Day may appear; and there being no Money in Bank here for paying the ſame: The Committee deſires Mr. Rector to advance to Mr. Preſident *Blair* the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, for paying the ſaid Accounts, and to draw Bills on Mr. *Perry* for the like Sum, being ſo much

put

put into his Hands by Sir *Jeffery Jefferies*, on the Account of the College.

Will. Robertſon, Cler' Coll.

Anno 1702, MILES CARY *Receiver of the Revenue due to* William *and* Mary *College*, D^tor.

		L.		
To Balance of Account of the 10th of *April* 1702,		9	8	10
July 25. To Mr. *Luke*'s Account, received *per* ditto,		91	5	11
To Coll. *Maſon*'s Donation,		3	0	0
16. To Coll. *Hill*'s Account received *per* ditto,		210	17	5
15. To Coll. *Alleſton*'s Account *per* ditto,		65	15	2
Apr. 23. To Major *Buckner*'s Account *per* ditto,		22	14	1
To Captain *Scarburgh*'s Account *per* ditto,		14	18	1
July 10. To Captain *Nat. Harriſon*'s Account of Furrs,		123	10	3
Apr. 15. To Mr. *Curtis*'s Account *per* ditto,		2	6	2
July 10. To Coll. *Corlym*'s Account *per* ditto,		3	15	5
Apr. 15. To *Miles Cary*'s Account *per* ditto,		0	17	7
To *John Boſſwell*'s Donation, with Uſe,		10	12	8
	L.	559	1	7

Anno

Anno 1702, per contra Creditor.

By Remitting Mr. *Luke*'s Exchange to Mr. *Perry*, for the Account and Uſe of the College,	L.68	7	3
For paying Mr. Preſident *Blair*'s Salary to *April* 20. 1702,	150	0	0
Paid Mr. *Ingles*	80	0	0
Paid Mr. *Preſton*,	50	0	0
Paid Mr. *Jones*,	50	0	0
Paid Mrs. *Preſton*,	20	0	0
Paid Coll. *Wilſon* for Cedar Poſts,	10	0	0
Paid Coll. *Bird* for Thirty Thouſand 4*d.* Nails,	3	15	0
Caſh paid M. *Blair Jul.* 16. 1702,	8	13	10
Paid Col. *Ludwell Aug.* 27. 1702,	5	5	4
Paid Mr. *Blair Aug.* 28. 1702,	2	14	7
For Salary for receiving and paying *L.* 2652 6*s.* 11*d.* and for my Trouble in ſettling and auditing all the College Accounts to this Day,	70	0	0
Per Balance due to the College,	40	5	6
	559	21	6

Miles Cary.

November 11. 1702.

THE above Balance ordered by the Committee to be paid to Mr. *James Alinge*, in full for ſo much due by the College to him.

— *Vera Copia*, *Will. Robertſon* Cl' Coll'

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An Account of the Money given towards building William *and* Mary *College, and received in* England.

Mr. *Micajah Perry*,	*L.* 50	0	0
Mr. *Tho. Lane*,	50	0	0
Mr. *Richard Perry* per *George Prichard*,	50	0	0
Mr. *Patrick Smith*,	6	0	0
Jeffery Jeffereys, Esq; One Guinea to buy *Bloom*'s History of the Bible,	1	10	0
Coll. *Henry Harwell*,	50	0	0
L.	207	10	0

April 20. 1700. MILES CARY.

An Account of Money received for building William *and* Mary *College*, &c.

Their Majesties Gift,	*L.* 1985	14	10
Several Donations from *England*, as the above List makes appear,	207	10	0
His Excell. Governour *Nicholson*'s Gift,	200	0	0
His said Excellency's Gift towards the Maintenance of a poor Scholar for ever,	200	0	0
His said Excellency's Gift towards furnishing the College,	100	0	0
Several Donations in *Virginia*, as *per* List of Coll. *Bird*,	540	5	0
L.	3233	9	10

Brought over,	L. 3233	9	10
Further Donations as *per* Liſt,	807	6	4
Money obtained of the Privateers	300	0	0
His Excellency Sir *Edm. Andros* paid for Saſhing the College,	56	7	6
Caſh received for Tobacco of Mr. *Edwards* in the Iſle of *Wight*,	1	2	6
To the Profits accrued by the Surveyor General's Place,	72	1	5
To the Balance of the Account of the Revenue of one Penny *per* Pound on the Duty on Skins and Furrs, *&c.*	879	12	10
	L. 5350	0	6

Octob. 10. 1700. *Per* MILES CARY.

Further Donations as *per* Liſt,	L. 47	5	0
Balance of the Account of the Revenue of one Penny *per* Pound, and the Duty on Skins and Furrs, *&c.*			
Further Gifts of his Excellency Governour *Nicholſon*,	21	13	9

A Letter from the Honourable Richard Ingoldsby, *Eſq; to the Lord Biſhop of* London.

Virginia, Williamſburgh, Feb. 11. 1703-4.

My Lord,

THO' I am not yet arriv'd to my Journey's End, yet, in Duty and Reſpect to your Lordſhip, I would not omit any Opportunity that offered it ſelf of expreſſing ſo much as a Letter can carry along with it. We have had a hap-

a happy Arrival to this Country, yet I cannot boaſt of the Expedition or Eaſineſs of our Paſſage. We met with very rough Weather, and contrary Winds very frequently, in all which God hath graciouſly protected us. Moſt of the Fleet are ſafely come in, except a few with the Commodore, who are ſtill wanting. I am mightily concerned for that Ship, becauſe his Excellency the Governour of *Maryland* and his Family are in it. The Reports of ſuch as ſaw it laſt are various; but what can be gathered from all that they ſay gives us no Reaſon to fear the worſt, but to hope they bore away for the *Weſt Indies*, for it's now a Month ſince we came in, and by reaſon of the cold Weather, I have ſtay'd thus long with his Excellency Coll. *Nicholſon*, whoſe Civilities I have always known. He is, God be thanked, in a good State of Health; I wiſh I could aſſure your Lordſhip, that he was in as much Tranquillity of Mind: For his Croſſes and Afflictions have made a deep Impreſſion upon him. My Lord, his greateſt Concern is, that poſſibly the falſe Inſinuations of ſome of the Clergy of this Province (to oblige whom he always made it his greateſt Care, nay Pleaſure too, till after all the Honour and Wealth which they have attain'd to, partly thro' his Means, made them grow inſolent and ambitious) ſhould have ſome Influence over your Lordſhip, ſo as to think him changed from what he hath always approved himſelf to be, a pious Servant of God, a profound Reſpecter of your Lordſhip, and a faithful Son and moſt generous Benefactor to the Church of *England*. But my Lord, when you ſhall have weighed all the Addreſſes that have been made to his Excel-

lency, and to your Lordſhip, in Teſtimony of his prudent Government of the State, and ſingular Piety and Generoſity towards the Church, from your Lordſhip's Clergy, the Aſſembly, and Grand Jury, and other Societies, both in this Province, and alſo from all the Plantations of *North America*, I am perſuaded that your Lordſhip will have no further Regard to the falſe, nay groundleſs Complaints of ſuch who I have too juſt Reaſon to fear would be no longer Friends to your Lordſhip, nor the Church of *England*, than while they hope to ſatisfy their ambitious and invidious Nature. As it is mine, ſo 'tis the uſual Prayers of every Society, whether ſacred or civil, that God would preſerve him a Pillar to his Church, and a faithful Adminiſtrator of Juſtice. I cannot but condole the great Trouble of my Friend Colonel *Nicholſon*, that he has been not only injuriouſly, but deſpicably treated and ſchooled by Dr. *Bray*, making it his Buſineſs to aſſociate with his profeſt Enemies, and rejoicing to charge their Aſſeverations upon him with more Diſreſpect than really was expected from ſo grave a Divine, to a Man in that Authority wherewith his Excelleney is inveſted. Notwithſtanding all that they ſuggeſt is palpably contradicted by the World, and more eſpecially the Clergy, I ſhall only add, my Lord, that in caſe the falſe Accuſations of theſe uneaſy Men ſhould prevail, neither your Lordſhip, nor any one elſe is able to conceive what Diſturbance it will create in theſe Countries; for, my Lord, we all look upon Governour *Nicholſon* as the Right Hand, and the Support of a tender Government, and an Infant Church. 'Tis too apparent, that their whole Deſires and Endeavours

deavours are to make your Lordſhip an Inſtrument of putting him out of his Government. But if your Lordſhip did hear, as I do at this time, what an Odium theſe Men have entail'd upon themſelves from the People of this Province of every Character, both the Laity, but much more the Clergy, I do verily believe your Lordſhip would no longer countenance the malicious Repreſentations of Two or Three Malecontents; Men! and one eſpecially, concerning whom I may boldly dare to repreſent to your Lordſhip, my own Knowledge, that no Man did ever partake more of his Excellency's Favour, than Mr. Commiſſary *Blair*, even to that Degree, that others murmur'd to ſee his Excellency countenance him and and others of his Countrymen, ſuſpecting that his Excellency was not really ſo good a Friend to the Church of *England*, when he thought none ſo truſty, or at leaſt none ſo honourable to be adviſed withal, as theſe *Scotchmen*. Certainly, my Lord, it was this Fondneſs which made them turn upon his Excellency; neither are Treachery and Ingratitude Vices but newly diſcovered in the People of that Country. It was the Time when Governour *Nicholſon* could do nothing without the Advice of Mr. Commiſſary, he made all his Intentions known to him, and communicated to him every Secret, and none was thought ſo fit for the Council as Mr. Commiſſary; but now it is retorted by Mr. Commiſſary, that his Excellency is obliged to him for all Preferments, for the good Will of his People, and indeed, that ever he was made Governour of this Colony. I will crave your Lordſhip's Pardon, if even I take the Liberty of acquainting your Lordſhip, that

his Excellency protested to me, that in Case these Men should prevail in their Designs, his Excellency is fully resolved to make the whole Case publick to the World, and to bring the whole Matter to the *Queen's Bench*, to justify his own Honour and Reputation, and bring such Men to condign Punishment, whatever it may cost him to do all this. Pray, my Lord, pardon my Freedom and Tediousness. If your Lordship think any thing amiss in this Testimony, I know your Lordship's extraordinary Goodness will impute it to nothing but the sincere Love and Honour I bear to Governour *Nicholson*. I beseech your Lordship's Blessing and favourable Patronage. I shall ever pray, that God would be long kind to his Church, in the Preservation of your Lordship, an Ornament and Pillar in it, and beg Leave to subscribe myself

Your Lordship's

Dutiful and Obedient

Humble Servant,

Richard Ingoldsby.

A Letter from the Reverend Mr. Owen Jones *to the Lord Bishop of* London.

May it please Your Lordship,

TO excuse the Trouble of perusing a few Lines which come to present my most humble Duty to your Lordship, as my Diocesan, and to give your Lordship an Account of my safe Arrival (thro' the Blessing of God) after Seventeen Weeks Passage, in this her Majesty's Province of Virginia, *as also to acquaint your Lordship with the very kind and generous Reception I have met*

with

with from his Excellency Coll. Nicholſon, *Eſq; that worthy Governour of your Country, whoſe obliging Carriage, and his extraordinary and repeated Kindneſſes to me I ſhall always endeavour to retain a juſt Senſe of, and be ever ready to demonſtrate my Duty and Gratitude to him.*

My Lord, I ſhall always make it my Endeavour (thro' God's Aſſiſtance) to diſcharge the Duty of my Miniſterial Function with the utmoſt Care and Diligence, and to do all the Good I can to the Souls of thoſe who ſhall be committed to my Care; to further me in which I moſt humbly crave your fatherly Bleſſing upon me. That God would bleſs your Lordſhip, and long preſerve and continue you for the Good of the Church, and particularly, that Part of it, which you ſo worthily fill and adorn, is, and ever ſhall be, the hearty and unfeigned Prayer of him to the Throne of Grace, who is always deſirous to approve himſelf as,

My Honoured Lord, Your Lordſhip's
Moſt Dutiful Son, and Humble Servant,

Owen Jones.

Mr. Adams's *Letter to the Biſhop of* London.

My Lord,

SEeing it is my Duty gratefully to acknowledge your Lordſhip's ſingular Kindneſs and Protection to all Orthodox Clergy in general, and eſpecially to thoſe of my Country, I judged it convenient, with this firſt Opportunity, to acquaint your Lordſhip, that I arrived in *Virginia* in the *Fowey*, the 10th of *January*, 1703-4, and am in Health, as are all

the Paſſengers and the Ship's Company (bleſſed be the Lord) and waited on his Excellency the Governour of *Virginia*, who generouſly and kindly entertained me and my Brethren of the Miniſtry, and is here well reported of, for being zealous for the Church of *England*, and indeed before us expreſſed great Reſpect for her and the Clergy; which, my Lord, with ſeveral other Reaſons particularly relating to my ſelf, (which I am ſure, if known to your Lordſhip, would be thought better kept private, than publiſhed or written) makes me very averſe to *Maryland*, and purpoſe to ſettle here: Yea, the Governour hath freely allow'd me to preach in *Norfolk* Pariſh, now vacant, till I acquaint your Lordſhip and the Governour of *Maryland:* So being confident of your ready generous Diſpoſition to comply with what may be comfortable to any of your Sons, I humbly preſume to deſire your Licence for *Virginia*, *per* firſt, which will be very acceptable to,

My Lord,
Your Lordſhip's very Humble
And moſt Obedient Servant,

Hampton in *Kequetan*, *Alexander Adams.*
Jan. 21. 1703-4.

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry, *Lord Biſhop of* London.

Mr.

Mr. Wagener's *Letter to the Biſhop of* London.

My Lord,

I Am both ſenſible and ſorry your Lordſhip has been troubled with an Account of the unhappy Differences between me and Dr. *Bray*. I believe alſo you may have ſeen my Letter, and therefore ſhall not preſume to be a Judge of my own Cauſe, but leave it to your Candor. I think I endeavoured to keep the Scale even on both Sides, and that Dr. *Bray* might have ſtifled the Matter by his Oath which he took, without expoſing my tender Expreſſions to him to publick View and Cenſure: But ſince he has proceeded ſo rigorouſly againſt me, that I may not appear ſo much a Villain to the World, as he repreſents me, I ſhall endeavour to give ſome Reaſons (which otherwiſe I never intended) that I had too much Cauſe to doubt of his Sincerity and Honeſty with reſpect to the Books I had of him. But to trouble your Lordſhip with no more of this, of which Time will make a further Diſcovery, I ſhall only ſay this, that wherein I acted imprudently, your Lordſhip, I hope, will forgive me. I bleſs God, that after a tedious Paſſage of Fourteen Weeks, we arrived ſafe at this Place in the *Foway*, to the Captain of which I and my Brothers are mightily obliged for his civil Entertainment.

With your Lordſhip's Permiſſion, I intend to continue hereabouts in this Province, as long as I ſtay in *America*, not intending to proceed to *Maryland*, for Reaſons your Lordſhip is not altogether unacquainted with. And one Motive for my Continuance here, is the extraordinary Character and Civility of his Excellency

cellency Governour *Nicholſon*, whom Dr. *Bray* repreſented to me, as well as the Governour of *Maryland*, with ſome Diſcouragements. I make bold to commend myſelf to your Lordſhip's Prayers, being

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Your Lordſhip's moſt Humble
And Obedient Servant,

P. Wagener.

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry, *Lord Biſhop of* London.

Mr. Nichols's *Letter to the Lord Biſhop of* London.

Virginia, January 27. 1703-4.

My Lord,

THro' God's gracious Mercy and Protection, we are arriv'd thus far, after a tedious Voyage of Fourteen Weeks from *Plymouth* Sound. His Excellency the Governour of this Province came down to *Hampton* to ſalute Coll. *Ingoldſby*, who came in our Ship, and goes Lieut. Governour to *New-York* and the *Jerſeys*. I, for my Part, have received ſingular Favours from his Excellency. He gave me Twenty Dollars towards my Journey to *Penſilvania*, which I attribute to your Lordſhip's Intereſt, and do pray your Lordſhip to thank him on my Behalf. He has inſtructed me in the State of the Church at *Upland*, and particularly of the Diſpoſition of the People, to my great Satisfaction. The Gentleman, whoſe Name your Lordſhip had forgot, who has contributed ſo much towards this Church, is *Yates*. My Lord, I find it now to be the Dead of the Winter in theſe Parts,

Parts, ſo that I am not able to ſtir from hence, if there were any Sloops that went: For which Reaſon I hope, that neither your Lordſhip, nor the Honourable Society will take it amiſs, that I could not be at *Penſilvania* ſo ſoon as you may expect, or truly as I my ſelf do wiſh; I do aſſure your Lordſhip, that I will embrace the firſt Opportunity.

Mr. *Adams* and Mr. *Wagener* are yet with me; they are both well, and as far as I ſee, are deſirous of ſettling in this Province. I preſume that they themſelves will inform your Lordſhip why they do ſo contrary to your Lordſhip's Miſſion.

I will not be tedious to your Lordſhip: I ſhall not ceaſe to pray, that God Almighty would be ſo gracious to us as to preſerve your Lordſhip long over us; for I am feelingly ſenſible, that there is no ſuch viſible way of the Church being perfected, as by the Labours of your Lordſhip, and other zealous Men, who are actuated by the ſame Spirit of Grace to be exerciſed in Charity and all manner of good Works; for which Reaſon, the Wiſdom of his good Providence is further to be adored, that he hath placed ſuch in convenient Stations of the Earth, that the Kingdom of *Chriſt* may be the more eaſily enlarged by their means; amongſt whom his Excellency Governour *Nicholſon* is undoubtedly a moſt glorious Light! Inſtances of whoſe Piety do hourly come to my Knowledge; to whoſe Induſtry and Bounty this Infant Church of *America*, will be eternally indebted. I ſpeak what I know, and what I declare, is not only becauſe I have been an Object of his Benevolence, but becauſe I find it to be the unanimous Suffrage of my Bretheren,

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a great many of whom I have had the good Fortune to meet in this Place. I further beg of your Lordſhip, that becauſe it is a Tenor of my Benefactor's Will, that a Certificate ſhould be ſent from Your Lordſhip to the principal Fellows of the College, to aſſure them that I am well in theſe Parts, you would be pleaſed to order one to be ſent. I am,

My Lord,
Your Lordſhip's
Moſt Dutiful Son,
and Obedient Servant,

Henry Nichols.

For the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry *Lord Biſhop of* London.

Virginia, January 27. 1703-4.

My Lord,

AFter a tedious and troubleſome Voyage, I arrived ſafe in *Virginia*, the 16th Day of *January*, and I have been to wait on his Excellency the Governour of the ſame, who has treated me with unuſual Civility, both in taking care of ſending me to the Place where I am deſign'd by your Lordſhip, and his particular Recommendations to his Friends; and he has likewiſe made me a very handſome Preſent, to defray the great Charges of Travelling in this Country; and his Kindneſs and Friendſhip has not only been ſhewn to me, but as I underſtand by the reſt of my Brethren that came in here, that they had the ſame Favours conferred on them by his Excellency: And in my humble Opinion, it is the Church's great

Duty

Duty and Intereſt, continually to pray for the Continuance of ſo bountiful and tender a Protector.

I not as yet being arrived at the Country, where I am to ſettle, can give your Lordſhip no Account of it, further than that I am informed by his Excellency the Governour of *Virginia*, that there are Three Churches a building in it; and underſtand that his Excellency has contributed already Thirty Pounds to the building of them. All other Affairs, both relating to the Church and Country, your Lordſhip may expect at large by the Return of this Fleet. I am very ſenſible of your Lordſhip's great Favours, eſpcially the Supply your Lordſhip remitted me to *Portſmouth*, for which I return your Lordſhip Thanks. I humbly beg your Lordſhip's Bleſſings, and am,

My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt Obedient, and Dutiful Servant,

John Blair.

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry *Lord Biſhop of* London.

P. S. My Lord, I muſt humbly beg the Favour of you to order one of your Servants to take care of my Lord of *Weymouth*'s Bounty which he allows for my Maintenance in *North Carolina*. I have by this Opportunity written to my Lord about it.

Virginia,

Virginia, Jan. 27. 1703-4.

My Lord,

AFter Sixteen Weeks tedious Paſſage, we arrived ſafe in *Virginia* the 16th Day of *January*, and it being in the dead of Winter here, I have not been able, for the extraordinary bad Weather, to make my way into *North Carolina*; but this Week I deſign, (God willing) to ſet forward on my Journey, and then, with the Return of this Fleet, I will give your Lordſhip a full Account of the State of Affairs, as well of the Church as the Country.

I have been (ſince I arrived here) to wait of his Excellency the Governour of *Virginia*, who has treated me with a great deal of Reſpect and Kindneſs, and has been at no ſmall Trouble, as well in heartily recommending me to his Friends in the Country where I am going, as likewiſe uſing all Endeavours for ſending me ſafe there; and likewiſe made me a handſome Preſent for defraying the great Charges of Travelling in this Country. He has alſo ordered me a Bill of Thirty Pounds, of your Lordſhip's Money, for which Sum I had a Bill from Dr. *Bray*, upon Coll. *Quarry* in *Penſilvania*; and his Excellency conſidering the vaſt Diſtance between *Carolina* and that Place, and the Trouble and Expence I ſhould be at in getting of it, has ordered me my Money here. All which great Favours and Kindneſſes, can proceed from no Merit of mine, but from the great Reſpect and Eſteem he both profeſſes and declares for your Lordſhip; for had I not been ſheltered under the Shadow of your Lordſhip's Protection, I could with no

Reaſon

Reaſon have expected any ſuch Favours; for a Clergyman, of my Name, has not long ſince (as I am credibly inform'd) made very ungrateful Returns for many Favours and Obligations which he received from his Excellency. If your Lordſhip pleaſes to continue your Bounty for my Subſiſtence in *North Carolina*, I humbly deſire your Lordſhip may order it to be given to my Lord of *London*, who I am ſure will be careful in remitting it to me. And for all your Lordſhip's Favours I remain infinitely obliged, and it ſhall be always my Prayer that God may long continue in Proſperity and Happineſs ſo noble and generous Benefactor. I am

My Lord,

Your Lordſhip's moſt Obedient Humble Servant,

John Blair.

To the Lord Viſcount Weymouth.

Virginia, *Hampton-Town*, on the Mouth of *James* River, *Jan.* 27. 1723-4.

My Lord,

WE think this a happy Opportunity which we have thus unanimouſly to ſalute your Lordſhip, and to aſſure you, both of our moſt chearful Reſolution to obey your Lordſhip, as our Dioceſan, and in anſwering your Lordſhip's Miſſion, as God ſhall enable us by our Induſtry and Examplarineſs of our Lives. To promote which we think it a very great Happineſs to have met with ſuch a Patron as his Excellency the Governour of this Province, whoſe Generoſity and Piety we do not ſo much repreſent to your Lordſhip, upon our private Accounts,

Accounts, or his Bounty to us ſince our Arrival to this Country (which was exceeding great) but for his general Demonſtration of Love and Affection for the whole Clergy; inſomuch that we cannot omit one remarkable Expreſſion of his Excellency's *viz.* That notwithſtanding all the Injuries that had been done him more immediately by ſome Clergymen, it ſhould not ever make him alter his Principles concerning our Religion, or whatever is pious and ſacred. Among whom we do verily believe that Dr. *Bray* may be reckoned; and our Reaſons which we offer to your Lordſhip are deduced from a Letter which he ſent Mr. *Wagener*, in which he has ſo loaded the Reverend Mr. *Jones* (who was ſent by his Excelleney on purpoſe to clear him of thoſe Calumnies which afterwards he found actually caſt on him) with very reproachful Names, ſuch as, *an Audacious, Frontleſs, Impudent Fellow, of an Impenetrable Conſcience*, and much more, adding at laſt, that he had given him *up to Satan.*

Now, my Lord, this does very ſenſibly touch his Excellency; for after he had made a *Retantation* (which we have all ſeen in his own Writing) he calls Mr. *Jones* an *Audacious Fellow*, for preſuming to call it ſo; for telling the World how he had retrieved his Excellency's Honour. The whole Letter is a grievous Invective againſt Mr. *Wagener*, upon a Quarrel which happen'd between them about Books. We will not pretend to be Judges in the Caſe, but beg leave to relate what we know, that by comparing that Bible (which he gave Mr. *Wagener* in part of a Debt which he ow'd him) with ſome other of Sir *Jeffery Jeffery*'s Gift,

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diſpoſed of by Dr. *Bray*, we find them to be of an exact Reſemblance; and moreover, there is Part of a printed Paper, which is fixed on all others, ſtill remaining on Mr. *Wagener*'s.

My Lord,

There is none of us that have any private Grudge to Dr. *Bray*: We only declare our Sorrow, that he ſhould be ſo miſtaken in doing any Injury to the Reputation of his Excellency Coll. *Nicholſon*. However, leſt it ſhould be objected, that we are too credulous, or too eaſily impoſed on, we ſtrengthen our Allegations with the Teſtimony of Coll. *Ingoldſby*, a Gentleman of great Honour, who has been well known to his Excellency theſe many Years. He has often declared to ſome of us the univerſal Love and Eſteem which all Men bear to his Excellency, not only in *Virginia*, but throughout all *America*, and how much he has merited of the Church; inſomuch, that he is deſirous of declaring thus much more, that he is verily perſuaded, that the Inſinuations of Coll. *Nicholſon*'s Adverſaries are groſſly falſe and malicious. And tho' we may be too tedious (conſidering your Lordſhip's being ingaged in Buſineſs of greater Importance) yet we beg Leave to add, how much we eſteem Coll. *Ingoldſby*, what Honour he has done your Lordſhip, and profeſſes for every Body of the Sacred Character. We ſhall think them happy who ſhall be protected by ſuch. May therefore the Church long flouriſh under ſuch Prelates as your Lordſhip, and ſuch Governours as theſe honourable Gen-

tlemen. We have no more but to Subscribe our selves,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Dutiful Sons,

and Obedient Servants,

To the Right Reverend Father in God, Henry *Lord Bishop of* London.

Henry Nichols.
Isaac Grace.
Peter Wagener.
John Blair.
Alex. Adams.

Sign'd by Five Clergymen.

Memorandum, *It is supposed, that it will appear by the Copies of the foregoing Letters, that Governour* Nicholson *was not an Enemy to the Reverend Clergy that came into his Government, or were bound elsewhere; but that according to his accustomed way, he treated and assisted them as Clergymen; and that these Letters,* &c. *will fully prove the contrary of what his Reverence* Blair *swore against the said Governour, with regard to the Clergy,* &c. *and when the full Answer, (God willing) to the said* Blair's *Affidavit concerning the Clergy, both in* Virginia, *and to the Northward, is printed, the whole Matter will appear plainer still in all Respects, to prove the utter Falshood of the said Mr.* Blair's *Affidavits.*

To

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND ANDROS, their Majeſties Lieutenant and Governour General of *Virginia*: And to the Honourable the Council of State, and to the Worſhipful the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The SUPPLICATION *of* JAMES BLAIR, *Clerk*,

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT Your Petitioner hath, by an Order of the General Aſſembly of this Dominion, ſollicited the Buſineſs of a Free School and College at the Court of England, *and with no ſmall Labour and Charge obtained an ample Charter from their Majeſties, for erecting and endowing the ſame.*

And therefore humbly prays, That the General Aſſembly may be graciouſly pleaſed to take in Your Petitioner's Accounts, and to conſider him for his Time and Labour in attending the ſaid Affair, as to Your Wiſdom and Diſcretion ſhall ſeem meet and expedient.

And Your Petitioner, as in all Duty bound, ſhall ever pray, &c.

By His Excellency and Council,

THis Petition with Two Accounts exhibited, is referred to the ſerious Conſideration of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

October 19. 1693. *James Sherlock* Clerk of the Gen. Aſſembly.

Examined *per* WILL. ROBERTSON.

JAMES BLAIR *Debtor to the General Assembly of* Virginia,

To a Bill drawn by Mr. Auditor *Bird* on Meſſ. *Micajah Perry* and *Thomas Lane*,	*L.*	200	0 0
To Money received of Mr. *Gawin Corbin*, by the Order of Mr. Secretary *Cole*,		50	0 0
To Money advanced by the Lieut. Governour, *Francis Nicholſon*, Eſq; on Credit of the General Aſſembly,		360	0 0
	L.	610	0 0
Debtor to the Balance, as *per contra*,		8	9 8

Per contra *Creditor.*

By Expedition Money, and Fees about the College Buſineſs, as *per* Note of Particulars,	*L.*	322	17 9
By Coach-Hire and Boat-hire,		12	2 9
By Drinking Money given away,		6	15 6
By Letters, Papers, and Tranſcripts,		5	14 4
By Lodging, Coal and Candle in *London* Eighteen Months,		16	7 0
By Diet, Waſhing, Shaving, and Spending-Money in the ſaid Time, at Five Pounds *per* Month,		90	0 0
		453	17 4

Brought

Brought over,	*L.*	453 17	4
By Linnen, Woollen, Hats, Wiggs, Shoes, Stockings, Gloves, Scarves, and all manner of wearing Apparel, for Two Years Three Months,		87 13	0
By getting my things on board and out again, Sea-Provisions, Gratifications to the Captains and Ships Crew, Freight, Wharfage, Portage, Cartage, *&c.* for two Sea Voyages,		40 0	0
By spent in Travelling Charges, *viz.* from *Kinsale* to *Cork*, *Bristol* and *London*, and from *London* to *Portsmouth*, and in living Three Months in the Ports of *Portsmouth*, *Gosport*, and *Plymouth*,		20 0	0
	L.	601 10	4
By the Balance due to the General Assembly,		8 9	8
	L.	610 00	0

James Blair.

Exam. by *Will. Robertson.*

A Note of Particulars of Expedition-Money and Fees about the College Business.

From *June* 7. to *July* 1. 1692.

To paid at the Custom-House, about the Penny *per* Pound, Eight Guineas, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 9 *d.* and 13 *s.* 6 *d.*		9 7	6

Brought over,	*L.*	9	7 6
From *July* 1. to *September* 3.			
To ſpent at the Treaſury, whilſt the Donations were paſſing there, Twenty Guineas, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 9 *d.* and 1 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.*		23	12 6
From *September* 4. to *October* 1.			
To ſpent at the Council in obtaining and paſſing an Order about the ſaid Donations,		07	12 3
From *October* 1. to *October* 15.			
To ſpent at the Rolls, in taking Precedents of Charters, and Copies, Two Guineas, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 9 *d.*		2	3 6
From *October* 15. to *Jan.* 28.			
To ſpent in ſolliciting and drawing the Warrant at the Treaſury, Twenty Guineas, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 9 *d.* and 7 *s.* 6 *d.*		22	2 6
To paid the Lawyers for Advice in drawing the Charter, and their Clerks at Times, Twenty Seven Guineas, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.* and 5 *s.*		29	15 6
To Under-Clerks and Door-Keepers at the Treaſury, in getting out the Warrant, Three Guineas and a Half, at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.* and 10 *s.*		4	6 5
From *February* 2. to *Feb.* 6.			
To Fees to the Attorney Gen.		25	0 0
	L.	124	2 2

Brought

Brought over	L. 124	2	2
To Fees to Mr. *Johnſon*, the Attorn. General's Clerk,	10	12	6
To paid to Tranſcripts and Parchments there for all the other Offices,	5	10	0
To Fees to Under-Clerks there,	0	10	0
To Fees at the Secretary's Office,	30	0	0
To Fees to Under-Clerks there,	1	5	0
To Door-Keepers and other Servants there,	0	17	6
To Fees for the Docquet at the Treaſury,	3	0	0
To an Under-Clerk who writ it,	5	0	0
To Fees at the Signet Office,	30	14	0
To Fees at the Privy Seal,	30	14	0
To the Lord Priv. Seal's Clerk, Half a Guinea,	0	10	11
To Fees at the Hamper,	36	18	4
To an Under-Clerk there,	0	5	0
February 9.			
To the Secretary of the Great Seal, Six Guin. at 1 *l.* 1 *s.* 10 *d.*	6	11	0
To his Clerk,	0	5	0
To Four Under-Clerks there,	0	10	0
To Fees at the Patent Office,	24	1	6
To Mr. *Nichols* who wrote the Charter there, Two Guineas,	2	3	8
To paid for a Box for the Charter, and Tin Box for the Seal,	0	8	0
February 15.			
Given to Mr. *Sambrook*, Patent Sollicitor, who expedited the Buſineſs thro' all the Offices,	10	18	4
	L. 319	19	11

Brought over,	*L.*	319	19 11
To Expences to the ſaid *Sambrook*, in Coach-Hire and Treats,		1	15 0
To paid for a Copy of the Charter preſented to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms,		1	2 10
	L.	322	17 9

October 19. 1693. *James Blair.*

Examined *per* WILL. ROBERTSON.

Letter from Mr. James Blair *to Governour* Nicholſon.

Goſport April 20. 1693.

SIR,

I Have received ſeveral of yours directed to *Cowes* and *Portſmouth*, for which I humbly thank your Honour: For next to your own Company, your Letters are the moſt acceptable. I am ſenſible how zealouſly you have been laying out your Time and Pains for the Service of *Virginia*, in ſolliciting the Diſpatch of this Fleet, which I hope now will ſail the firſt fair Wind. While we ſtay, I ſhall trouble your Honour with a Line, at leaſt once a Week. I hope you will continue the ſame good Endeavours for *Virginia*, and if it lies in your Way, will embrace any Opportunity of doing me what Kindneſs with our good Biſhops you can, without too much Trouble. The Archbiſhop (whom I have found moſt punctual to his Word ... all Occaſions) told

told me that the King ſaid he would order my deſigned Salary of 100 *l.* as Commiſſary, to be paid ſome other way, ſince they made ſuch a Clamour againſt paying of it out of the Quit-Rents: And his Grace was pleaſed to add, that he ſhould take care to ſee it done. So that if I had not been ſo hurried at laſt, as I was, I might have hoped to have brought it to ſomething. I only tell your Honour this, that you may ſee there is a good Foundation to work upon, if ever you ſhould have an Opportunity of diſcourſing the Arch-Biſhop on this Subject. * Pardon this Trouble, which I proteſt I did not think on, when I begun this Letter, as you may gueſs by the little Bit of Paper I took to write it on; only the Neceſſity of my Condition having brought me very conſiderably in Debt ſince I came laſt to † *England*, is ever and anon troubling me with impertinent Thoughts of my ſelf, and Wiſhes, that I were at leaſt

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* This is one of his Reverence *Blair*'s cunning and inſinuating ways of Writing; when he wants any thing to be done for him, he would have it thought, that it was not out of a premeditated Deſign, or covetous Temper, for his own private Ends, but flowed only from ſome unforeſeen Incident which might tend to a publick Good, as will more fully appeat in his Letter to Lieutenant Governour *Nicholſon*, to procure him the Preſidentſhip, which the ſaid Governour accordingly did, by his Intereſt with the Aſſembly.

† *Memorandum*, How could the Neceſſity of his Condition bring him very conſiderably in Debt ſince he came laſt for *England*, when by his Account made up with the Aſſembly, he had received Eight Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Eight Pence more than he had charged in his very extraordinary and extravagant Account, and may be, an unjuſt one, ſome Articles of which are not true. Sure he will not ſay, that he run himſelf in Debt upon the Account of not charging the Articles of *ad purgandos renes*, but he might be in Debt for a Cargo or two for Himſelf and Wife to keep Store with, in *Virginia*, as they uſe to do.

in ſuch Circumſtances, as to be clear of the World, that I might owe nothing to no Man, but common Love and Charity. I know they are all ſenſible how unreaſonable a thing it is, that I ſhould bear all the Burthen and Charge too, without any Conſideration; and who knows but that it might be eaſier now, during ſome Mens Abſence, who were always my Enemies, and during the Queen's Adminiſtration, who was always moſt favourably inclined in this Matter, to obtain ſome Order, if you thought it proper to ſuggeſt it. But I perceive I forget my ſelf, and that I am writing to a Benefactor that has always minded my Intereſt more than I have done my ſelf. And therefore again I hope you will look upon this as a Piece of unpremeditated Impertinency, and do as you think fit, and as Circumſtances of things do preſent. I pray God for your Health, and for our happy meeting in *Virginia*, and am with the greateſt Sincerity, Sir,

Your moſt Obliged
Humble Servant,

I will take care to write to Madam Matthews, *as you deſire.*

James Blair.

Letter from Mr. James Blair *in* Virginia, *to* Francis Nicholſon, *Eſq;*

Virginia, Jan. 2. 1693-4.

May it pleaſe Your Honour,

BEing perſuaded, that before this comes to your Hands, you will have left *England*, on the Account of the Government of *Maryland*

land (the Vacancy whereof, by the Death of Coll. *Copley*, was ſignified to your Honour by my two laſt) I cannot compel my ſelf to write ſo particularly of things, as if I were of another Opinion.

After a Paſſage of Eleven Weeks, we arrived in *Virginia*; an Aſſembly was called againſt the Tenth of *October*, at which all Buſineſs went very awkardly between the Governour and them. Ports and Bulk Tobacco, and the Conſideration of a Supply for *New-York*, which were the Three principal Buſineſſes recommended by his Excellency to the Aſſembly, were all thrown out in the harſheſt manner, without ſo much as ſuffering a Bill to be brought in about any of them. He thought not fit, in any of his Speeches, to recommend the Buſineſs of the College, nor the Clergy (notwithſtanding, as to the laſt of thoſe, there was, you know, an expreſs Command from his Majeſty in a Letter written for that very purpoſe) but I believe it would have fared no better with either, had he appeared more zealous for them; for he has very bad Succeſs in managing of Aſſemblies. This is the ſecond he has already called, and diſſolved in One Year, after putting the Country to a vaſt Charge for doing of nothing, which has occaſioned no ſmall grumbling, now at this time when the Country is ſo miſerably poor. As to the College, tho' nothing was done for its Encouragement, in compariſon of what might have been expected had you been here, yet we reckon it is well that it is no worſe. The Place for ſituating the College is now appointed to be at *Middle Plantation*, and an Impoſition of

Seven

Seven and an half *per Cent*, on Skins and Furrs exported is given for ever to the College, according to the Advice of the Lords of the Committee for Plantations, and an Addreſs of Thanks is returned to their Majeſties for their Goodneſs to the Country in the Matter of the College. They did alſo take in my Accounts, and allowed them, and ordered me Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds in Conſideration of my Time and Pains in Solliciting the Affair in *England*. In my Accounts I made them Debtors to your Honour for the Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds ſpent in paſſing the Charter, *&c.* but the other Hundred Pounds, which was advanced to the Maſter and Uſher, and ſome other Uſes for the College, I charge to the College Account. The firſt Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds the Aſſembly has ordered to be thankfully repaid to your Honour, and, I doubt not, you will have an Account of it from your Attorney Coll. *Hartwell*. The other Hundred muſt paſs in Part of Payment of your bountiful Donations to the College. Your Pieces of Eight, ſealed as they were, in the Baggs, with the other things, I delivered to Colonel *Hartwell*, with the *Memorandum* Note of your other Buſineſs, becauſe he lay more in the way of ſeeing the Perſons with whom your Buſineſs lay, than I did. If any thing is neglected, I hope you will impute it rather to my Head being ſo full of the College Buſineſs, and—

Memo:

Memorandum. *By this Letter will appear his Reverence* Blair's *true Spirit of Calumny and Reflections upon his Superiors, according to his Cuſtom; but his Reverence found a Way to get the Aſſembly to paſs his extravagant Accounts, and to allow him Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds for what he did concerning the College, in which Account he owns, that he had from Mr.* Micajah Perry *upon Mr.* Nicholſon's *Account, Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds, which was advanced him without any Intereſt,* &c. *And by this Letter it will appear likewiſe, how he diſpoſed of One Hundred Pounds more: The Words of his Letter are,* The other Hundred Pounds more muſt paſs in Part of Payment of your bountiful Donations to the College, *the Management whereof he had contrived to be for his own private Advantage, much more than for the Good of the ſaid College, as is ſuppoſed will appear when the full State of that Affair comes to be printed. One Text of Scripture has been literally fulfill'd in him, that* Godlineſs is Gain; *and likewiſe another, That* Covetouſneſs, and the Love of Money, is the Root of all Evil.

Another Letter from Mr. James Blair *in* Virginia, *to* Francis Nicholſon, *Eſq; with a Poſtcript concerning his Salary.*

Virginia, Sept. 27. 1693.

SIR,

I Wrote one Letter to your Honour on *Wedneſday* laſt, giving you an Account of the Death of Coll. *Copley*, Governour of *Maryland*,

land, and at the ſame time another to my Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, a third to Sir *Robert Southwell*, and a fourth to Mr. *Perry*; all which, tho' I hope they will come ſafe to Hand (I delivered them to a very ſafe Hand, who promiſed me to watch carefully the Motion of the firſt Ships) yet for a further Security, I adventure this by a Hand that I believe will not fail. The Sum of my Requeſt to your Honour, both in that Letter, and in this, is, That you would not neglect the preſent Opportunity of doing Service to God and this Country, by getting to your ſelf a Commiſſion to be Governour in Chief of *Maryland*. Beſides that God Almighty has fitted your Honour with a very extraordinary Talent for ſuch a Place, and that you are univerſally deſired by the Country, give me leave to ſuggeſt two or three Reaſons more, which I am confident will prevail more with you, than any Arguments taken from the Honour or Credit of the Place to your ſelf.

1. Conſider, that in *Maryland* is ſome ſmall Beginning of the Church of *England*, which if it falls into the Hands of a Man that is either no Friend to Religion in general, or to the Church of *England* in particular, will in all Probability come to nothing; but if it is cultivated with your Care, will, I doubt not, in a ſhort time, equal any Part of the Church of *England* in *America*, not excepting that of *Virginia*. 2. Conſider what conſiderable Service may be done both to *Virginia* and *Maryland*, by preſerving of a good Underſtanding between the two Governments. 3. Conſider what a mighty Life your coming will put into our Buſineſs of the College; for (not to

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ſpeak of Donations and Subſcriptions towards it, that might be procured from *Maryland*; you know how the Revenue of the Penny *per* Pound, upon which we are to ſubſiſt, is utterly miſmanaged in that Country, and how extreamly difficult it will be to mend the Matter, till we have a Governour there that is our zealous Friend. I queſtion not, but that if we could be ſo happy as to have that Government put into your Honour's Hands, that Revenue would be at leaſt as good again as it is, and we might ſubſiſt very comfortably upon it. I am afraid of being troubleſome to my Lord Archbiſhop and Sir *Robert Southwell*, and therefore have not ſent ſecond Letters to them, hoping my firſt will come to Hand; but if they ſhould happen to miſcarry, your ſhewing of this will, I hope, have the ſame Effect. Other Particulars of Affairs I muſt refer to another Opportunity. We are to have a General Aſſembly the Tenth Day of *October*; in the mean time, Sir *Edmund Andros* is gone to ſettle the Affairs of *Maryland*, and will be ſuddenly back again. I give my humble Duty to my Lord Archbiſhop, my Lords Biſhops, of *London*, *Litchfield*, *Saliſbury*, *Worceſter*, *Lincoln*, and St. *Aſaph*, and moſt particularly to Sir *Robert Southwell*, Mr. *Southwell*, and all our other Friends. I wiſh your Honour a good Voyage to us, and am with all Sincerity, SIR,

Your moſt Obliged
Humble Servant,
James Blair.

Directed to the Honourable Fr. Nicholſon, *Eſq*; Lieut. Governour of *Virginia* and *Maryland*.

Mr.

Mr. Micajah Perry *Merchant in* London *is deſired to deliver this with Speed and Care.*

By this Letter will appear, what Opinion his Reverence *Blair* had then of Mr. *Nicholſon*, and why he came to alter it, lies upon him to ſhew; but in due time, the ſaid Mr. *Nicholſon* may let the World ſee the true Reaſon, as likewiſe will give Anſwers to his other Lies and Affidavits.

P. S. Mr. *Perry* ſent in lately the Copy of an Order of the Queen's for an Hundred Pounds to be paid out of the Quit-Rents. Your Honour has added this to all your other Kindneſſes, for which I can but return Thanks, for I ſhall never be able to repay them. I have made no Uſe of the Copy, being told that it is good for nothing without the Original. I wiſh, if poſſible, an Order could be obtained once for all, concerning the Commiſſary's Salary, during Pleaſure, for I doubt I ſhall be put to great Trouble and Charge to have it renewed every Year. I put Mr. *Bowlin* in Mind of an *Indian* for your Honour, but he has not yet found any to his Mind.

This Poſtcript will demonſtrate how much the ſaid *Blair* was obliged to Mr. *Nicholſon*, upon all Occaſions when his own Intereſt was concerned; and how he has requited the ſaid Gentleman, will appear by what he has ſwore falſely againſt him in this Affidavit.

Mr.

Mr. BLAIR's *LETTER.*

Middle Plantation in *Virginia*, *Auguſt* 7. 1694.

SIR,

I Hope, by this time, your Excellency is ſettled in your Government, where, as there are many things out of Order, ſo I doubt not, you will be glad of the Opportunity of ſetting every thing to rights. We cannot forbear envying our Neighbours the Happineſs of being under your Care, and rejoice mightily in the Hopes, that ſome time or other, you will fall to our ſhare: There has nothing happen'd worth writing ſince you left us, except that on *Sunday* laſt, our Governour acquainted me with his Deſire of accepting a Propoſition we made to him long ago, of becoming one of the Governours of the College. I know not whether he has received that Letter from *Whitehall*, or whether he is adviſed by other Letters from *England*, to act another Part as to the College; this Motion is a thing as cannot be rejected, and we begin to conclude, it will utterly diſcourage the adverſe Party: We want your Excellency's Advice; I expect a general meeting will be haſten'd, on purpoſe to receive him before the next Ships go. Mr. *Wallace* has promiſed me a Conveyance to this, by ſome of the Miniſters bound to your Government in the *Coronation*, which is ſafely

arrived here. I do heartily pray for your Health and Happineſs, and am, with all Sincerity,

SIR,

Your Excellency's moſt Obedient Servant,

JAMES BLAIR.

Memorandum.

This Letter will ſhew how much his Reverence *Blair* wanted Governour *Nicholſon*'s Aſſiſtance and Advice at this time, as he did at ſeveral others, which will further appear when the reſt of his Letters are printed. For the ſaid Governour *Nicholſon* made ſeveral Journeys from *Mary-Land*, of which he was Governour, to *Virginia*, upon the account of the College, to his no ſmall Pains and Coſt; and this he did in order to advance the Intereſt of the College, that it might be put into a Capacity of being transferred to the Preſident and Maſters, according to the Royal Charter; he did the ſame whilſt Governour of *Virginia*, as will be made appear when the further Accounts thereof are Printed; but how it has been managed ſince the ſaid Governour was ſurperſeded, it is hoped the Lord High Chancellour of *Great Britain* will oblige the ſaid *Blair*, and his Aſſociates, to declare upon Oath, when a Bill in Chancery is exhibited againſt them.

Another Letter of Mr. BLAIR *to Governour* Nicholſon.

Plymouth, May 19. 1693.

SIR,

I Have juſt now received yours, with the incloſed for my Lady *Andros*, and am at a loſs how to expreſs the grateful Senſe I have of that continual Tract of Kindneſs you have ever ſhewed me. I hope, as I have opportunity, to ſhew, at leaſt, that I am not unthankful.

We have no preſent News, we were fain to put in here by contrary Winds, until the Commodore's Order for ſtaying out was expired, which was the Tenth of this Month. I hear now we are to wait for the coming of the great Fleet; in all the intervals of Delay, I live aſhore, that I may give no more Trouble to Captain *Townſhend* than is neceſſary, which has ſo drained me, that I ſhall be neceſſitated to draw again on Mr. *Perry*.

Our Voyage is like to be very tedious to every body, and it is ſo more particularly to me, as being deprived of the great Happineſs I propoſed to my ſelf in your Honour's Company, both at Sea and Land. But I ſubmit to that wiſe Providence, that has thought fit for ſome time to part us; and I perſuade my ſelf wherever you are, God's Bleſſing will attend you, for the Kindneſs you have ſhewed to poor *Virginia*, upon whoſe Account, as well

as your own, I ſhall reckon My ſelf ever bound to pray for your Honour, and to remain with all Sincerity,

SIR,

Your Honour's moſt Humble Servant.

JAMES BLAIR.

To the Honourable

Francis Nicholſon Eſq; their Majeſties Lieutenant-Governour of *Virginia* and *Mary-Land*, at Mr. *Micajah Perry*'s, in *Leaden-Hall-Street*, *London.*

In this Letter his Reverence Blair *acknowledges Mr.* Nicholſon *to have been a great Benefactor to* Virginia, *and for the reſt, it is in the ſame Strain with all his other Letters, either owning old Favours, or begging new Ones.*

Mr. BLAIR's *Letter to his Excellency, dated June* 2. 1698, *with his Accounts.*

London, June 2. 1698.

May it pleaſe Your Excellency,

AFter many Letters that I have ſent Your Excellency, giving You an Account only of tedious Attendance and Dependance, this comes at laſt, with the good News that Sir *Edmond Andros* is called home, and his Majeſty on *Sunday* laſt named Your ſelf Governour of *Virginia*, of which all your Friends here wiſh

wiſh You great Joy, and I am ſure none more than my ſelf: I am further to acquaint You, that You have not only gotten the Government, but have obtained it in the moſt honourable manner that ever Government was obtained, that is, that directly nor indirectly it does not coſt you one Farthing to any Favourite; that You have been recommended to it by Perſons of the greateſt Worth and Reputation, ſuch as are far above the Suſpicion of dealing in any diſhonourable Way, and that it is purely the Strength of Your own good Character, that hath prevailed over the Suggeſtions of all Your Enemies.

To give you the perfect Hiſtory of it, would require a Volume; but in ſhort, the Perſons You have been moſt obliged to, and to whom I hope You will return Your Thanks with the firſt Opportunity, are my Lord Arch-Biſhop of *Canterbury*, my Lord Chancellor, my Lord Biſhop of *London*, my Lord Biſhop of *Salisbury*, the Earl of *Bridgwater*, and Doctor *Lock*.

SIR,

Your Excellency's moſt Humble

and Obliged Servant,

JAMES BLAIR.

His Excellency Governour Nicholſon,

To Caſh laid out about his Buſineſs, (viz.) Dtor.

	l.	s.	d.
To Mr. *Shelton*, to engage him of his Side when he was accuſed by Captain *Sly*, Five Guineas,	5	10	0
To Fees and Gratuities about his Commiſſion and Inſtructions,	15	5	0
To Fees for Inſtructions at the Treaſury,	3	11	0
Given there in Gratuities, Ten Guineas,	11	0	0
To the Door-Keepers,	3	6	0
Gratuities to four Clerks at the Council of Trade,	11	0	0
Fees at the Secretaries Office,	7	19	0
To the Meſſengers there,	2	14	0
Fees expended by *B. Harriſon, junior*, about the two Commiſſions when I was in *Scotland*, of which *Frank* gave an Account,	178	15	0
Paid for Copying Memorials,	4	5	0
Paid for Paſſage of Letters,	2	2	6
	244	17	6
To all my Expences living in *London* and ſolliciting Buſineſs,	200	0	0
To my Paſſage at Sea and Travelling by Land,	50	00	0
To Mr. *Robinſon*'s Paſſage 6 *l.* and advancing him 10 *l.*	16	00	0
	510	17	6

Per

Per CONTRA. Cr.

By Credit given me in his Excellency's Account, with Mr. Micajah Perry *and Company, (viz.)*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
The Article of Fees expended by Mr. *Harriſon* in my Abſence,	178	15	0
The Article about Mr. *Robinſon*,	16	0	0
Fees and Gratuities I had then expended,	51	8	0
My own Expences in *London*,	200	0	0
Balances paid to me by Bills of Exchange on Mr. *Perry*, &c.	64	14	6
	510	17	6

Memorand. the firſt Article of five Guineas to Mr. *Shelton*, who is generally thought to have had a great Influence over the Rt. Reverend and Honourable his Lord and Maſter the Biſhop of *London*, and who 'tis ſuppoſed that his Reverence *Blair* bribed when he complained againſt Governour *Nicholſon*. As for Captain *Sly*, as he calls him, he was a Fellow of a moſt notorious, ſcandalous, *&c.* Character, and had been in moſt of the Goals in *London*: Having lived formerly in *Mary-Land*, he returned thither when Mr. *Nicholſon* was Governour thereof; and himſelf, and ſome few of his ſuch like Aſſociates, as his Reverence *Blair* and his Aſſociates, endeavoured to raiſe a Diſturbance in *Mary-Land*, for which he was proſecuted

ſecuted according to Law, and condemned: And 'tis very probable if *Blair* had ſtayed in *England*, according to her Majeſty's Royal Command, in a full Council, bearing Date *May* 3. 1705, he would have been found guilty of Perjury, and ſo have had the Honour of ſtanding in the Pillory, and his Ears nailed to it, according to the Cuſtom of his Native Country.

The further Affidavit of JAMES BLAIR, *Clerk, concerning Governour* Nicholſon's *Male-Adminiſtration, with relation to the Clergy, the College, and himſelf.*

THE Governour being, by her Majeſty's Inſtructions, intruſted with a Power of giving Licences of Marriages, Probates of Wills, and Induction of Miniſters; and the reſt of the Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdictions being left to my Lord Biſhop of *London*, (and by the Lord Biſhop of *London* to his Commiſſary) which the Governour, in his Inſtructions, is commanded to encourage and aſſiſt; he has ſo far broke through the ſaid Inſtructions, as to abuſe that part of Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction committed to himſelf, and to invade that which is left to the Biſhop of *London*.

As to the firſt, he has abuſed it in all its Parts. *Firſt*, As to the Licences of Marriages, contrary to an expreſs Law of the Country, as well as natural Equity, he gave a Licence to —— *Snead*, an idle Man of no Eſtate, nor bred to any Calling, to marry ——

a young Orphan, and Heireſs of *York County*, by the means whereof that young Orphan was married and ruined, contrary to the Conſent of her Guardian; a Crime which, in any Magiſtrate, by the Law of that Country, is 500 Pounds Fine, and a Year's Impriſonment.

BY the following Account out of the Court-Books of *York-County* in *Virginia*, it will plainly appear, that the foregoing Affidavit, made by his Reverence *Blair*, againſt Governour *Nicholſon*, is only in every particular, falſe, ſcandalous and malicious, to the higheſt degree: This Licence having been granted, as all other Licences were, by the proper Officer, and in due Form of Law. And it is to be obſerved, that, in order to caſt the greater Odium upon the ſaid Gentleman he had falſly ſwore againſt, he calls this Woman an Heireſs of *Virginia*, who appears to be, in all, worth but 154 *l.* 13 *s.* and thereby caſts a Reflection, and in his ſolemn Oath breaks a Jeſt upon the whole Country.

At a Court held for York-County, November *the 24th*, 1702.

Preſent her Majeſty's Juſtices.

William Sheldon making humble Suit to this Court, for a Probate of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Simſon* deceaſed, the ſame is accordingly granted, he being therein

therein appointed Executor, and proved by the Oaths of *William Hilſman*, and *Sarah Foreman*, Witneſſes thereto, and 'tis ordered to be committed to Record. And it is further ordered, that the Eſtate of the ſaid *Teſtator* be appraiſed at his late Dwelling-houſe, the thirtieth of this Inſtant *November*, if the Weather permit, if not, the firſt fair Day then next following, by Mr. *Edward Moſs*, Mr. *John Wyth*, Captain *Lawrence Smith*, and Captain *Thomas Cheaſman*, or any three of them, being firſt ſworn before the next Juſtice, and that a due Return thereof be made to the next Court.

Copia Teſt. William Tunley Cl. Cur.

York Pariſh } ſſ.
County. }

Elizabeth the Wife of Mr. *Francis Simſon*, departed this Life *April* 9. 1702. Mr. *Francis Simſon* departed this Life *November* the 8th 1702.

Mr. *Robert Snead*, married to *Margaret*, the Daughter of Mr. *Francis Simſon*, deceaſed, about the 10th of *January*. 1702.

Certify'd per William Tunley, *Cl. Reg.*

The WILL.

IN the Name of God, Amen. *I* Francis Simſon, *of* York-County, *being ſick and weak of Body, but of ſound Mind and perfect Memory, do make*

make this my last Will and Testament, in Manner and Form following. First, *I give and bequeath my Soul to God, trusting by the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have free Pardon and Remission for all my Sins; my Body to have decent Burial, at the Direction of my Executors hereafter named; and for what worldly Estate God hath lent me, I dispose of as follows.*

Imprimis, *I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter,* Margaret Simson, *all my whole Estate, both Lands, Goods, Cattle, and Chattels, both within Doors and without, of what kind or quality soever, to her and her Heirs for ever, and not have her Estate till she comes to the Age of Sixteen, or Married.*

And of this my last Will and Testament, I constitute and appoint my loving Friend, William Sheldon, *my whole and sole Executor; in Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this 8th Day of* November, *in the Year of our Lord,* 1702.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of us,

William WH Hilsman.
his Mark.

Sarah F Foreman.
her Mark.

At a Court held for York-County, *November* 24. 1702.

The above Will was then proved in Court by the Oaths of *William Hilſman*, and *Sarah Foreman*, Witneſſes thereto, and according to Order is committed to Record.

Per William Sedgwick. Cl. Court.
Copia Teſt. William Tunley. *Cl. Cur.*

The INVENTORY, *Novemb.* 30. 1702.

IN Obedience to an Order of *York-County*, *Novemb.* 24. 1702. We, the Subſcribers, have appraiſed the Eſtate of *Francis Simſon* deceaſed, *viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
For 6 Cows at 1 *l.* 15 *s.* each,	10	10	0
To 1 four Year-old Steer, at	1	15	0
To 3 two Year-old Steers at	3	0	0
To 1 yearling Calf, at		10	0
To 4 large Barrow Hogs, at	3	0	0
To 2 younger Barrows, at	1	0	0
To 8 breeding Sows, at	4	16	0
To 12 Shotes, at	3	0	0
To 1 grey Mare and Colt, at	4	0	0
To 1 grey Horſe at	5	0	0
To 7 new Diſhes, qt. 33 *lb.* at	1	13	0
To 6 new Plates, at	0	6	0
To 6 new Spoons, at	0	1	6
To a Parcel of old Pewter, at	0	15	0
To 1 new Flaggon, one new Tankard, at	0	7	6

To

	l.	s.	d.
To 2 Porringers with Covers, and three without, at	0	5	0
To 1 Chamber-pot and 2 Salt-ſalvers, at	0	4	0
To 1 Braſs Mortar and Peſtle, at	0	4	0
To 1 old Warming-pan, at	0	2	6
To 1 ſmall Looking-Glaſs, and 2 drinking-Glaſſes, at	0	2	0
To 1 pair of ſmall Stilliards and Peel, at	0	5	0
To 1 Feather-Bed, Bolſter and Pillow; 1 Rug, 1 pair of Blankets, 1 Sheet, 1 Bedſtead and Cord, at	5	0	0
To 1 old Couch, and Couch-bed	0	5	0
To 1 Bed, Bolſter and Pillow, 1 Rug, one pair of Blankets, 1 Sheet, 1 pair of Curtains and Vallins, 1 Bedſtead and Cord, at	4	10	0
To 1 Table and Form	0	15	0
To 1 ſuit of Cloth Cloaths	3	0	0
To 3 old Coats, 1 old Hat, 1 pr. of old Breeches	1	5	0
To 4 Yards of Cotton, 3 Ells of Doulas, 1 half Yard of Muſlin	0	15	8
To 1 pair of Mens— 1 pair of Worſted Stockings	0	8	0
To 1 Bed-cord, and 1 Knot of ſmall fiſhing Line	0	2	0
To 2 large Cheſts and 2 old Boxes	0	15	0
To a Parcel of old Books	0	5	0
To 1 old Table-cloth, and 5 old Napkins	0	5	0
To a Parcel of Coopers Tools	3	0	0

To 5 Axes, 5 Wedges and 1 Spade	0	12	0
To 4 new broad Howes 2 Iron Peſtles	0	11	0
To a parcel of mixt Nails	1	0	0
To 1 large Ladle, 1 Drip-pan, 1 Spit, 1 Braſs Skimmer, 2 pr. of Fire-Tongues	0	10	0
To 4 Iron Pots and Hooks, 1 Frying-pan, 1 Braſs Skillet	1	2	6
To 2 cut Saws, 1 How	0	12	0
To one ſmall Kettle	1	0	0
To two Guns	1	0	0
To 2 ſmoothing-Irons, 1 pair of old	0	3	0
To 2 Pails, 2 Piggons, 1 old Table	0	12	0
To 13 Barrels of *Indian* Corn, at 10 *s. per* Barrel	6	10	0
To 1 Negro Man named *Jemmy*	40	0	0
To 1 Negro Man named *Jack*	35	0	0
To a parcel of old Silver and one Pocket Compaſs	0	8	4
To 1 grey Horſe at	4	10	0
	124	13	0

William Sheldon, Executor.

Edward Moſs.
Thomas Cheaſman, Junior.
Lawrence Smith.
John Wyth.

York Count. ſſ.

February the 1ſt. 1704.

Then preſented to *Thomas Barber*, *Robert Read*, *Thomas Ballard*, *William Buckner*, *Henry Tyler*,

Tyler, *Daniel Taylor*, *Thomas Rutting*, and *Lawrence Smith*, Commiſſioners of the Peace of the ſaid County by *William Sheldon*, and, according to their Order, is recorded,

per William Tunley, Cler' Cur.

At a Court held for York-County, February 25. 1702. *per Adjournment of the* 24th *Inſtant.*

Preſent her Majeſty's Juſtices.

THE former Order of the Return of the Appraiſment of the Eſtate of *Francis Simſon* deceaſed, to this Court, is diſmiſt, the Executor *William Sheldon*, having delivered up the ſaid Eſtate into the Hands of *Robert Snead* Junior, who hath married the ſaid *Simſon's* Daughter.

Copia Teſt. William Tunley, Cler' Cur.

York County } ſſ.
Virginia. }

Whereas *Robert Snead* Son of *Robert Snead* of *York* Town and County aforeſaid Gent. did this Day come to my Office, in order to obtain a Licence for his Intermarriage with *Margaret* the Daughter of *Francis Simſon*, late of this County deceaſed, and having given Caution to me as well to ſave me as all other Perſons harmleſs from all Damages that ſhall

or

or may accrue, for granting the ſaid Licence for Marriage.

Theſe are therefore to licence and permit you to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony, between the above-named *Robert Snead* of the one Part, and the above-named *Margaret Simſon*, according to the Canons of the Church of *England*; provided you know no lawful Cauſe to obſtruct the ſame, and for your ſo doing this ſhall be your ſufficient Warrant, dated under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year aboveſaid.

Signed Thomas Barber.

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To the Reverend Mr. Arthur Tylliard, *Miniſter of God's Word in* York *Pariſh, or to an Orthodox Miniſter in the County aforeſaid.*

February the 1ſt.

York County *ſſ.* 1704.

The above Licence was this Day acknowledged by Mr. *Thomas Barber*, to be of his own ſigning and ſealing, in the Preſence of *Robert Read*, *Thomas Ballard*, *William Buckner*, *Henry Tiler*, *Daniel Taylor*, *Thomas Nutting*, and *Lawr. Smith*, Gentlemen Commiſſioners of the Peace of the ſaid County, and according to Order is recorded; alſo the above-named *Arthur Tyliard*, in Peſence of the aboveſaid Commiſſioners, made Oath, that by Virtue of the ſame

 Licence,

Licence, he celebrated the ſame Rites of Matrimony between the Parties therein mentioned.

Teſt' Will. Tunley, *Cler' Cur'*.

York County *ſſ.* Virginia Jan. 8. 1704.

SIR,

THis is to certify you, that this Day Mr. Rob. Snead, *of* York *Pariſh in the ſaid County, came to my Office, and obtained a Licence for Marriage with* Margaret Simſon, *Daughter of* Fr. Simſon, *late of this Counry deceaſed, and accordingly hath given me Caution, to ſave me and all Perſons harmleſs in or about granting the ſaid Licence for Marriage. This certified by*

William Sedgwick, *Cl. Cur'*

York County, ſſ. *Feb.* 1. 1704.

The above Certificate was then preſented by Mr. *Tho. Barber*, to *Robert Read*, *Thomas Ballard*, *William Buckner*, *Henry Tyler*, *Daniel Taylor*, *Tho. Nutting*, and *Lawrence Smith*, Gentlemen, Commiſſioners of Peace of the ſaid County, and, according to Order, is recorded,

Per *William Tunley*, Cl. Cur'.

York County ſſ. *Feb.* 1. 1704.

Before

Capt. *Thomas Barber*, Mr. *Henry Tyler*,
Mr. *Robert Read*, Capt. *Daniel Taylor*,
L. Coll. *Tho. Ballard*, Capt. *Tho. Nutting*,
Major *Will. Buckner*, Capt. *Lawr. Smith*,
Juſtices.

JOhn Wayman, John Dojwell, Edward Moſs, William Sheldon, John Moore, William Gordon, William Tunley, Robert Snead, and

Margaret his Wife, this Day made Anſwer to ſeveral Interrogatories to them adminiſtred, about a Marriage of *Robert* and *Margaret Snead*; and the ſaid *John Wayman*, *John Dojwell*, *Edward Moſs*, *William Sheldon*, *John Moore* and *William Gordon*, made Oath to the Truth of the Anſwers by them ſigned, which is ordered to be committed to Record.

Mr. *Arthur Tilliard*, Clerk, repreſented to the ſaid Juſtices a Licence bearing Date *Jan.* 8. 1702, under the Hand and Seal of Captain *Thomas Barber* (who acknowledged the ſame to be given by him) and made Oath, that by virtue of the ſame Licence, he married *Robert Snead* of the Pariſh and County of *York*, and *Margaret Simſon*, Daughter of *Francis Simſon*, late of the ſame, deceaſed, which is ordered to be committed to Record.

Captain *Thomas Barber*, firſt in Commiſſion of the Peace for the ſaid County, this Day preſented to the Reſidue of the aboveſaid Juſtices, a Certificate bearing Date, under the Hand of *William Sedgwick*, late Clerk of the ſaid County, deceaſed, *January* 8. 1702, certifying to the ſaid *Thomas Barber*, that Caution was to him given for the ſaving harmleſs all Perſons concerned about granting a Licence for Marriage to *Robert Snead* for his Intermarriage with *Margaret* the Daughter of *Francis Simſon*, deceaſed, which, on his Motion is ordered to Record.

Mr. *William Sheldon*, Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Francis Simſon*, deceaſed, this Day made Return of the Inventory and Appraiſment of the ſaid Teſtator's Eſtate, and is ordered to be committed to Record. Teſt' *William Tunley* Cl' Cur'

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York County, ſſ.

Interrogatories adminiſtred before Thomas Barber, Robert Read, Thomas Ballard, William Buckner, Henry Tyler, Daniel Taylor, Thomas Nutting, *and* Lawrence Smith, *Juſtices of the ſaid County ; to the ſeveral Subſcribers, on* February 1, 1704. *about the Marriage of* Robert Snead, *Jun' and* Margaret *the Daughter of* Francis Simſon *deceaſed, late of the ſaid County.*

1. WHat her Father was by Profeſſion, and how he lived?

Anſw. That he came into this Country a Free Man, and was by Profeſſion a Cooper, and that he followed the ſame to the Day of his Death.

Signed *John Wayman*, *John Dojwell*, and *Edward Moſs.*

2. Whether the ſaid *Simſon* had a Wife, when he died, or not?

Anſw. That when the ſaid *Simſon* died, he had no Wife, and that the Woman the Mother of the ſaid *Margaret*, dyed before the ſaid *Simſon* her Father.

Signed *John Wayman*, *John Dojwell* and *Edward Moſs.*

3. Whether the young Woman *Margaret* is undone by reaſon of the ſaid Marriage, or not?

Anſw. Not undone, but to the Content of her

Signed *Margaret* N *Snead*
Mark.

4. How long after the ſaid Marriage it was, before one of the Negro's belonging to the Eſtate of the ſaid *Simſon*, deceaſed, died? And whether he died through the ſaid *Snead*'s Negligence, or no?

Anſw. The ſaid Negro died within two Months, or thereabouts, after the ſaid Marriage, and it is reported he was poiſoned by another Negro, and that the ſaid *Snead* took all the Care he could for his Preſervation.

Signed *John Wayman*, *John Dojwell*, and *John Moore*.

5. Whether the ſaid Couple agrees together, or not?

Anſw. They live very lovingly together, and have one Daughter born unto them, about Three Months old.

Signed *John Wayman*, *John Moore*, her
Robert Snead, *Margaret* S *Snead*,
Mark.

6. Whether the ſaid *Margaret* choſe any Guardian, or not, after her Father's Death?

Anſw. She choſe no Guardian, nor preferred any Petition to the Court of the Country to admit a Guardian.

Signed, *William Tunley*, Cl' Cur'.

7. Whether *William Sheldon*, Executor of the Laſt Will of the ſaid *Simſon*, deceaſed, is ſatisfied about the Eſtate?

Anſw. Yes, he is ſatisfied about the ſaid Eſtate.

Signed *William Sheldon*, Executor of the ſaid Will.

8. What Land was the ſaid *Simſon* poſſeſſed of at the time of his Death?

Anſw.

Anſw. The Land the ſaid *Simſon* died poſſeſſed of, was about 50 Acres of low ſwamp Ground, of the Value of about Twenty Five, or Thirty Pounds, at moſt; and that he, for many Years, rented a Plantation of *Ralph Wormley*, Eſq; to plant Corn, for the Supply of his Family.

Signed, *John Wayman*, *John Dojwell*, and *William Sheldon.*

9. Whether the ſaid *Snead* hath, ſince his ſaid Marriage, ſquandered or waſted the ſaid Eſtate, or not; and whether the ſaid Eſtate is much the worſe, or not?

Anſw. That the ſaid *Snead* hath not waſted nor ſquandered any of the ſaid Eſtate, and that the Eſtate is much in the Condition when the ſaid *Snead* received it, only the Negro before-mentioned excepted.

Signed *William Sheldon*, *John Moore*, *William Gordon.*

The above ſubſcribed *William Sheldon*, *John Moore*, *William Gordon*, *John Dojwell*, *John Wayman*, and *Edward Moſs*, made Oath to the Truth of the ſeveral Anſwers by them ſigned according to their Knowledge, before the aboveſaid Juſtices, on the Day of the Date hereof, and, according to Order, is recorded.

Per *William Townley*, Cl. Cur'

Purſuant to Directions of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations.

I Robert Beverly *make Oath to particular Inſtances of Matters contained in my former Affidavit concerning the Male-Adminiſtration of Governour* Nicholſon *in* Virginia.

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One of his laſt Inſtances is this. The Governour gave a Licence to *Snead* of *York County*, an idle Man, of no Eſtate to Marry *Simſon*, a young Heireſs under Age, without her Mother's Conſent (and by the bye her Mother was dead) and this he did, after the ſame was ſaid to be denied at the proper Office, and which the proper Officer could not do, without incuring the Penalty of 500*l.* and a Year's Impriſonment.

Jurat' 7. *Die* Junii, 1704. *Robert Beverly.*
coram Thomas Gery.

Memorandum, This Affidavit of *Rob. Beverley* is in the ſame Nature with his Confederate *Blair*'s, which the foregoing Records prove to be both equally falſe, ſcandalous, and malicious, to the higheſt Degree. And when the reſt of their Affidavits are anſwered, moſt of them will prove to be of the ſame Nature, according to the Plan of Confederacy which they and the other Malecontents had agreed upon together, whoſe Characters ſhall hereafter be particularly deſcribed, and the Reaſon given why theſe things were not made publick before. The abovementioned Juſtices of the Peace for *York County* were ſome of the principal Gentlemen of *Virginia*, the Gentlemen of his Majeſty's Honourable Privy-Council there only excepted: So,

Quære, How his Reverence *Blair* will find a way how to invalidate the Records of the County, by any other Teſtimonies than his own, and for what Credit is to be given to what he has ſwore, we refer him to the foregoing Papers?

Quære

Quære likewiſe, Whether by theſe Affidavits, he hath not broke through the Law, both of God and Man, and what Puniſhment ought, even in natural Equity, to be inflicted upon him for ſo doing?

Quære farther, Whether this *Robert Beverley* may not be juſtly ſtiled one of the Lay Squires to his Reverence *Blair?* and when their other Affidavits are likewiſe fully anſwered, whether his ſaid Reverence, and *Beverly*, will not then both richly deſerve the Title of Knights of the Poſt?

Memorandum, His Reverence *Blair* having ſwore to ſome Particulars about Governour *Nicholſon*'s granting Licences, which Particulars are proved falſe by the Records of the Country; it is thought proper to put him in Mind of the following Story, and let him prove it falſe by ſuch authentick Records, but not by any more Affidavits, either of his own or his Aſſociates.

THeſe are to certify all Perſons in the World, That I Sarah Harriſon, *Daughter of Mr.* Benjamin Harriſon, *do, and am fully reſolved, and by theſe Preſents do oblige my ſelf (and cordially promiſe) to* William Raſcow, *never to marry, or contract Marriage with any Man during his Life, only himſelf. To confirm theſe Preſents, I the abovenamed* Sarah Harriſon *do call the Almighty God to Witneſs, and ſo help me God.* Amen. *To theſe ſaid Preſents I ſet my Hand.*

Teſt' April 28. 1687.

Sarah Harriſon.

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Memorandum, When Mr. *James Blair* was married to Mrs. *Sarah Harriſon*, it was done by one Mr. *Smith*. When ſhe was to ſay *Obey*, ſhe ſaid, *No Obey*; upon which he refuſed to proceed, *&c.* The ſecond Time ſhe ſaid, *No Obey*, and then he refuſed again to proceed. The third time ſhe ſaid, *No Obey*; yet the ſaid Mr. *Smith* went on with the reſt of the Ceremony. *Memorandum* alſo, That it is reported of this *Sarah Harriſon*, that ſhe was promiſed to two or three others; particularly to one Captain *Cox*; and her Father writ to the Gentleman that then granted Licence of Marriages, for one to the ſaid Captain *Cox*, it being ſo nigh, that he kept the Wedding-Dinner.

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